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Reform, Conservatives score in WZC elections

Pluralism gains in the U.S.

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Results of the American elections to the World Zionist Congress indicate a substantial victory for Zionist parties promoting religious pluralism in Israel and losses for all traditional parties except Friends of Labor Israel.

Two parties running on the platform of religious pluralism — Mercaz, the newly formed organization for Conservative Judaism and ARZA, the Association for Reform Zionists of America — made the largest gains of seats in the American delegation to the December 1987 quadrennial Congress. Mercaz, running for the first time, received 20 seats. ARZA won 33 seats, 19 more than it had in the previous Congress.

Hadassah made the strongest showing in the election, with 48 seats, but that represented a loss of 21. Friends of Labor Israel gained two seats to win 15. The Zionist Organization of America garnered 12 seats, a loss of 10, and Herut Zionists of America won 9, a loss of 4.

Religious issues in general seemed to dominate the voting, as more than half of the seats before imposition of penalties on the Orthodox Zionist slate went to the religious parties. The Religious Zionist Movement (Orthodox) had 56% of its ballots disqualified for penalties, leaving it with 14 seats, a loss of 5.

Only one of the nine slates, the newly created Students for Israel list, failed to gain any seats, which are granted based on the percentage won of the total vote. The students were assessed heavy penalties for irregularities, and 93% of their votes were disqualified. The other 7% of its votes did not meet the 1,387 vote minimum needed to gain a seat.

The Progressive Zionist list was also assessed heavy penalties. About 74% of its votes were disqualified, resulting in only one seat, a loss of one from the previous Congress. Penalties for all other parties were minimal.

Karen Rubinstein, executive director of the American Zionist Federation (AZF) which administered the U.S. Zionist elections, explained that penalties were assessed for many voting and membership irregularities.

Some ballots were disqualified for technical errors such as improper markings and codings.

To check for compliance with the election guidelines, 2% of the membership lists of each organization on all slates (many of the slates are comprised of more than one organization) were randomly sampled by a computer. Under these guidelines, all eligible voters must be at least age 18, have signed the Jerusalem Program expressing commitment to Israel and Jewish values, and be paid members of a Zionist organization. Penalties were imposed for "padding" the membership lists, multiple ballots cast by one person or failure to meet any one of the membership requirements.

In the case of the student slate, Rubinstein said every ballot checked in the random sample of each student organization's membership was found faulty and thus disqualified.

About 28% of all the eligible voters who are members of American Zionist organizations voted in this year's election. The total number of valid ballots cast was 210,957, and about 8,500 were disqualified. American Zionist organizations comprise 29% of the delegates at the Zionist Congress, or 152 seats.

Knesset defeats 2 bills on convert procedure

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Knesset has defeated two controversial bills which would have given the Orthodox Chief Rabbinate exclusive right to approve conversions performed abroad.

A measure introduced by the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party would have amended religious regulations dating from the British Mandate in Palestine by requiring that all converts to Judaism procure the Israeli Chief Rabbinate's endorsement in order to be fully recognized as Jews in Israel.

Despite support from Premier Yitzhak Shamir, it was defeated by a vote of 60-56, with four MKs absent.

A proposed amendment to the Law of Return, sponsored by the National Religious Party, would have had the same effect — invalidating conversions performed by non-Orthodox rabbis in cases of Jews-by-choice seeking Israeli citizenship as Jews.

It was defeated 62-53, with two abstentions and three absences. This bill has been defeated each of the many times it has been brought before the Knesset in past years.

Shamir had pledged to the Shas Party two months ago that Likud would "do all in its power" to gain passage of the Shas measure. He made no secret that this was to be in exchange for Shas support of Likud efforts to prevent the Labor Party from dissolving the Knesset and calling early elections.

Defeat of the Shas measure threatens to undo the Shas-Likud alliance, and there were recriminations on both sides. Shas leaders said Likud's "check has bounced." Haim Kaufman, chairman of the Likud Knesset faction, insisted his party had fulfilled its pledge to try to pass the amendment and saw no reason why the Orthodox faction should withdraw its support of Likud.

Kaufman pointed to the narrow margin of defeat as proof that the Likud Knesset whips "did their job." He blamed Likud-Liberal MK Sarah Doron, who crossed party lines to vote against the bill. But other Likud figures noted the deliberate absence of Likud-Herut MK Eliahu Ben-Elissar and the defection of Likud allies such as Rafael Eitan of the opposition Tehiya Party, who voted against the measure, and Ometz MK Yigael Hurwitz, who was absent.

Supporters of the bill also claimed it was Arab MKs who invariably voted against Orthodox-inspired laws dealing with conversions.

But the main factor thwarting the religious-right wing bloc may have been the fierce opposition of American Jewish leaders, who made clear that Israel's relationship with Diaspora Jewry was at stake. Only hours before the voting, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith leadership sent a message to the government and Knesset. It urged that "the government of Israel should not underestimate the extent of opposition to these bills among American Jews," and warned that "passage would have a serious impact on American efforts to help Israel."

Ruth Popkin, president of Hadassah, urged rejection of the bills in a message to Shamir.

Robert Asher of Chicago, Chairman of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), a Washington-based pro-Israel lobby, warned of the consequences in an Israel Radio interview.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the Labor Party leader, said that if the religious measures were passed, Labor would leave the unity coalition government. He said the legislation "endangers the unity of the Jewish people."

The Knesset also defeated, by an overwhelming 69-40 majority, a motion sponsored by the ultra-Orthodox Agudat Israel and Poale Agudat Israel parties to grant immediate pardons to seven members of a Jewish terrorist underground still serving prison sentences for violent crimes against Arabs in the West Bank.

Shamir supported the measure, but it was opposed on the Knesset floor by Likud Justice Minister Avraham Sharir, who demanded that it be withdrawn from the agenda. He called it an unworthy legislative precedent.

Other Likud Ministers, including David Levy and Moshe Arens, absented themselves from the chamber. Two Likud MKs who are close to Shamir, Ehud Olmert and Dan

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NBC documentary "blatantly distorted"

—WASHINGTON —

A recent NBC documentary about the 20th anniversary of the Six Day War has been described by the Israeli embassy here as "one of the most blatantly distorted and tendentious programs ever broadcast on the Middle East."

Asher Naim, the embassy's minister of information voiced strong criticism of the producers of Six Days Plus 20 Years: A Dream is Dying in an open letter to NBC president Robert Wright.

(The Israel embassy in Ottawa has reported receiving many complaints about the program.)

Naim said that due to the omission of crucial elements, the documentary "was not only one-sided, but inflammatory, for it can only encourage Arab extremists to believe that they can mouth their empty rhetoric . . . while continuing to advocate and perpetrate murder behind the scenes."

The program depicted Palestinian Arabs of Judea as the aggrieved party, innocent victims of harsh conditions imposed upon them, and as resorting to violence only in response to Israel's unwanted, brutal presence, the Israeli official said.

"Not a word was uttered about the PLO's genocidal goal towards which its terrorist policy and acts are aimed," he stated. "The vicious nature of terrorist assaults on Israeli civilians was noted barely in passing. No critical questions were ever asked of the Arabs, nor any critical evaluations ever made of their positions."

Nothing was said about the "long history of Arab terrorism and violence" that led to the Six Day War, assaults that emanated from those territories before Israel ever arrived there, Naim pointed out.

Nor was there mention of the reason for the continuation of the conflict after all this time — the Arab world's persistent refusal to accept Israel's legitimacy, he added.

"The producers of this show never saw fit to note the simple, but overwhelming, fact that Arab rejec-

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Israel informed, North declares

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Col. Oliver North testified last week that Israel was informed in January 1986 that money from the sale of arms to Iran was being used to fund the Contras in Nicaragua.

In his first day of testimony before the Senate-House select committee's hearing on the Iran/Contra affair, North described the Israeli role in selling I-Hawks missiles to Iran which were later returned because they were the wrong type.

North said the Israelis wanted to know what happened to the $1 million they had deposited to cover the cost of transporting the arms with Lake Resources Fund, the Swiss firm set up to handle the funds for the Contras.

The former National Security Council aide said he told the Israelis that the money was "used for purpose of the Contras and they acknowledged that."

"No one ever came and asked for it again," North added later in response to questioning by House counsel John Nields.

In his second day of testimony, North said he believes Israel may have originated the idea for using the profits from the sale of arms to Iran to support the Contras in Nicaragua.

North said the proposal was first made to him by the Iranian arms dealer, Manucher Ghorbanifar. He said that the late William Casey, then director of the Central Intelligence Agency director, and other CIA officials had told that "they believe Mr. Ghorbanifar to be an Israeli intelligence agent."

Ghorbanifar made the suggestion "point blank and he made it, by my understanding, with the full knowledge and acquiesence of the Israeli intelligence services, if not the Israeli government," North said.

North said that when Avraham Nir, a counterterrorism specialist for the Israeli government met with him in Washington in late December, 1985 or early January 1986, to urge continuation of the Iranian initiative, the Israeli suggested that profits from any arms sale to Iran could be used in "supporting other activities."

WARM WELCOME

Children greeted Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir when he visited a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip recently. The rest of its population gave him a warm welcome, too. [IPPA photo]

World-National

Noose vote democracy in action

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Politics leaves all too many people either bored or discouraged. Bored, because there is so much rhetoric and bombast and so little substance in most public debates. Discouraged, because the average citizen feels alienated and far removed from the seat of power. Yet this spring brought us two political events which should have dispelled some of the boredom and discouragement.

Rabbi Plaut

To start with, there was Parliament's vote on capital punishment. I was happy with the outcome and others in turn felt disappointed, but that is not at issue here. Rather, I want to look at the dynamics of the vote.

Everyone agreed that the majority of Canadian voters were in favor of reinstating capital punishment, at least in principle. Their elected MPs knew this very well indeed, and many of them set their personal proclivities aside and voted what they perceived was the will of their constituents. But others chose to disregard their constituents' wishes. They felt that in this instance they had to vote their own conviction rather than voice other people's opinions, including those who had elected them.

Courage needed

That took a bit of courage and I am glad that we have parliamentarians who see their duty in this fashion. I wish there were more free votes, which amongst other benefits would give backbenchers greater significance and accord them the dignity their office often lacks.

But even more important was the role which ordinary Canadians played in the decision. When the Prime Minister first announced that a free vote would be held, a nose count quickly showed that most MPs were ready to reinstate the penalty. But then the public had its say, on both sides of the argument, and their input made the difference.

For while the pro-hanging faction brought primarily pragmatic arguments to the debate, the abolitionists brought to it a high degree of moral passion. In a remarkable display of unity the religious community opposed the death penalty and, allied with other civic groups, showed a measure of strength which gave wavering MPs the necessary encouragement. It was this broadly based display of ethical conviction which ultimately turned the tide — and whether one was on one side or the other, this had to be a impressive victory for popular power peacefully expressed.

Bill withdrawn

On another front, there was the recurring refugee debate. Bill C-55 had received first reading, and political observers had every reason to expect that second and third readings would be held in June and the bill be enacted into law. The government certainly had the votes, and it had both the endorsement of its bureaucracy and the support of many Canadians who expressed themselves in favor of more restrictive policies and tighter controls at our borders.

But just as in the capital punishment debate, here too a united religious community together with various civic organizations opposed the bill as presented and attacked it as morally deficient. Public demonstrations, a "third seder," vigils, lobbies and write-ins were fuelled with palpable passion — and in the end the government chose to pull back. It acknowledged that Bill C-55 needed to be amended.

All of which leaves us with two separate but related reminders.

One, that individuals and their efforts can make a difference, and second, that moral convictions still are recognized tender even in the market place of politics. The debates on hanging and on refugees shared these two important lessons. They touched on the very essence of the democratic process.

"No proper cost estimates"

Comptroller blasts Lavi project

By
DAVID ROSENBERG

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Lavi jet project was rammed through the political and defence establishment without any serious discussion of its economic viability or contribution to Israel's defence, and the country's security will pay a heavy price for it, the state comptroller charged in his annual report released recently.

The stinging criticism of the controversial jet fighter was made in a special 40-page report attached to the comptroller's customary annual survey of mismanagement, negligence and corruption in government.

"A great many of the significant and essential decisions (about the Lavi) were made with information that was without basis, inadequate, tendentious and lacking proper cost estimates," State Comptroller Ya'acov Maltz declared at a press conference in Jerusalem.

The government immediately shot back with a point-by-point rebuttal of many of the comptroller's allegations, most of which deal with the process leading up to the decision to go ahead with the multi-billion-dollar program.

While the Lavi was clearly the prime target of the 37th annual report, the 1,282-page, 2-volume document also highlighted the country's shrinking water supply; the handling of last year's bail-outs of Solel Boneh, Kupat Holim Clalit health fund and the agricultural sector; and the scattered efforts of the government to deal with drug abuse.

Water supply shrinking

The comptroller's report depicted a water administration that stubbornly ignored warnings that the country's supply was in danger. "During the (past) 20 years we have been overdrawing water supplies on the basis of faulty theoretical data about the land's potential reserves that had no basis in fact," Maltz said. "And by overdrawing in such great quantities, the water supply has dropped, especially in the aquifers along the coast."

In October 1986, Israel had a water deficit of 2 billion cubic metres, Maltz said, quoting the report. The severe drop in reserves along the coast had caused the water table to fall and many underground sources to fill with sea water.

Maltz said the report's warning was particularly timely. "I take it upon myself to stress these facts, especially because of the rainy winter we had this past year," he told the press conference. "The prevailing wisdom among the public is that the rains ended the crisis — and this is not so. The crisis has only been forestalled for a certain time. The solution to the problem, even if we were to come up with one immediately, will cost us dearly."

Govt. rebuts argument

Much of the comptroller's report on the Lavi recounts the development of the jet from a simple successor to the Kfir into a $2.5 billion undertaking. The report contends that the finance ministry, the ministerial defence committee and even some parts of the defence establishment were not given adequate information at points when they were making crucial decisions about the direction of the jet project.

As a result the project grew increasingly elaborate, such as the decision to equip the planes with Pratt and Whitney PW1120 engines, and American offers for trade-ins and/or co-production were rejected.

In response, the government contended that it always relied on updated and accurate information. The defence ministry contended that in any case certain risks in a project as complicated as the Lavi could not be accurately quantified.

Responding to criticism that an offer by General Dynamics to co-produce the F-16 was never seriously explored, the government noted that the American company wanted to build the nose. That section of the jet, the government said, is crammed with the kind of sophisticated avionics that Israel Aircraft Industries wants to produce. In any event, the F-16 could not have accommodated all the gear IAI wanted to get into it.

Perhaps the most damaging criticism leveled against the Lavi by the state comptroller was his production forecast for the jet. Although the first planes would be completed by 1992, the Lavi's much-hailed avionics would not be available until sometime later. If any difficulties developed that delayed the plane's introduction, the Air Force would be stuck with outdated jets or perhaps too few jets altogether, as older ones are put out of service.

Ironically, the IAF could wind up buying foreign planes while waiting for its Lavis.

Decisions made in haste

Maltz also stressed in his talk the shortcomings of the rescue programs designed for financially troubled sectors of the economy.

"A considerable number of the decisions on aid were made in haste under pressure," said Maltz. "At times the money was provided without ensuring that it would be sufficient to revive troubled enterprises."

In addition, the wide-ranging report covered such issues as discipline problems in the IAF, ineffective management at the strike-plagued Israel Broadcasting Authority, funding programs of the interior and religious affairs ministries and administrative deficiencies in the courts.

The number of problems cited was so large that the government, at a press conference held minutes after the state comptroller's, replied by citing reforms it had implemented. Of 2,700 issues brought up in this year's report, 13% had already been corrected, 15% were in the process of being corrected and 9% were impossible to change, it said. The remainder, it said, had not yet been addressed.

In addition, many government bodies responded to criticism in the state comptroller's report.

In response to a question, Maltz said he was seeking to increase follow-up reports on whether recommended changes were implemented. Publishing the report is not the state comptroller's final goal, he said. "The result I aim for is corrections in the deficiencies cited in the report."

Pope loses sight of role as universal moral figure

By
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WASHINGTON — Every New Year's, the Pope issues a call for world peace and every year the world ignores him. The papacy's sorry record in this area is never taken into account by the world press. It always carries his message and it does so for two worthwhile reasons: The Pope is both the leader of the Roman Catholic Church and a figure of towering moral standing. When it comes to peace, would that his wish were our command.

But the present Pope, John Paul II, seems to have lost sight of his special responsibility as a universal moral figure. He agreed to meet with Kurt Waldheim, the president of Austria — a Catholic head of state of a mostly Catholic nation. Waldheim is also a man who lied about his past, who covered up and denied his participation in — and unbelievably even his knowledge of — Nazi atrocities, in the very areas where he served as a German army intelligence officer. He professed an ignorance so absolute as to make the three monkeys — hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil — seem like investigative reporters.

A Pope has many obligations. During the Holocaust, a timid Pope Pius XII felt his primary obligation was to the church. Genocide was a secondary matter and so the Pope remained silent. He failed to rebuke the Nazis. And even after they occupied Rome and deported Italian Jews to their death, the Pope held his tongue. This was largely true of the church in general, although there were some clerics, such as the Berlin priest Bernhard Lichtenberg, who in 1941 publicly prayed for the Jews. For this, he was jailed and then transferred to a concentration camp.

As a consequence, some believe the church has a special obligation to the Jews — to both make amends and reassurances. John Paul II seems mindful of this. He has reached out to the Jewish community and last year made an unprecedented visit to Rome's main synagogue. And as a Pole, he needs no lessons about the horrible fate that befell his country during its occupation by the Nazis. Millions of his countrymen perished. Among them were 3 million Jews.

History both recent and ancient provides the context for Waldheim's meeting with the Pope. But Waldheim is not a major historical figure. He is marginal — a weak, slippery man whose role in wartime atrocities was, unfortunately, both ordinary and routine.

His real importance is contemporary because his crime is a contemporary one: denial. Waldheim's denial is so absolute, so bald, that he claims not only innocence but epic ignorance. The gruesome transport of Greek Jews from Salonika in Greece to Auschwitz in Poland, the massacre of Yugoslav partisans . . . all this was news to Waldheim, even though he served in those areas. In his autobiography, he lied about his wartime service, denying truth to advance his diplomatic career. Now exposed, he concedes he was an officer in the German army but denies what our own justice department — much as it wanted otherwise — could not. It has banned Waldheim from visiting this country.

Little wonder Austrians elected Waldheim their president. Their presidency is a symbolic office and Waldheim is a fitting symbol. Most Austrians supported unification with Nazi Germany (the Anschluss), 550,000 out of 7 million Austrians were Nazi Party members and Austrians played a disproportionate role in the killing of Jews. Austrians commanded four of the six main death camps and comprised one-third of the SS extermination units. If the occasion was anti-semitism, little Austria showed it could rise to it.

It is a bit late to punish the Austrians, nor should one generation pay for the sins of another. But acknowledgement is a different matter. That would help ensure that sons do not repeat the mistakes of fathers. It would prove that the Holocaust, like the genocides of Armenia and Cambodia, are not the works of a few diabolical men, but of millions who participate and millions more who do nothing. Kurt Waldheim was a little of the former and all of the latter.

There is no institution more dedicated to memory than the Catholic Church. But in agreeing to see Waldheim, the Pope gave moral authority to Waldheim's amoral amnesia. Waldheim is not just another abhorrent head of state who the Pope must dutifully see, but one whose denial of his wartime activities is an echo of the church's own silence during that period.

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Biotechnology chair at Israeli institute established

ORT's Heppner tribute has international flavor

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Diplomats from five continents attended a tribute evening to the outgoing president of the Canadian ORT Organization, Lyone Heppner, who has stepped down after almost 15 years in the position.

The Metcalfe Hall of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim was decorated with the flags of the 16 countries whose ambassadors served as honorary sponsors of the evening. The lavish buffet reflected the international flavor, with brochettes, felafel, pickled herring and flambed bananas among the fare offered.

In attendance were Ambassador Abd'el Kader Fall of Senegal; Ambassador Erik Lang of Switzerland; Ambassador Foni Sherman of Liberia; Ugandan High Commissioner Joseph Tomusange; Harold Forsythe, first counsellor of Peru; West German minister-counsellor Norbert Klinger; Ivory Coast counsellor Sia Bisei; Robert Maule, U.S. consul general in Montreal; and Israeli Consul General Chalom Schirman.

Other sponsoring countries were Nigeria, Zaire, Morocco, Australia, Burundi, Portugal and Sweden. All are sites of ORT schools or educational programs.

Goldbloom elected president

The event established the J.A. Lyone Heppner Chair in Biotechnology at the ORT Braude International Institute of Technology in Karmiel, Israel. Monroe Abbey, chairman of the tribute committee, announced that the $250,000 objective has been passed.

Dr. Victor Goldbloom was elected the new president of Canadian ORT during the evening, which also served as the organization's annual meeting. About 200 persons attended, including the tribute's honorary chairman Edward Bronfman of Toronto.

Heppner's association with ORT goes back 50 years to the time his parents became involved with ORT after a British lord went to Winnipeg in 1937 to talk about the ORT school in the Warsaw ghetto.

Guest speaker Lady Anne Chain, a British biochemist and a member of the World ORT Academic Advisory Council, said this is the first time ORT has offered training in biotechnology and the chair has the blessings of World ORT Union president Ephraim Katzir, a former President of Israel.

"Karmiel and the international ORT school is his brainchild...an exciting and innovative enterprise. Karmiel is a new city in the Galilee to be based on scientific industries, industries which are extremely important to the future of Israel.

"It is hoped the ORT school there will attract overseas students, who will not only benefit from an ORT technological training, but begin to learn about Israel and take Jewish studies and study Hebrew."

Lyone Heppner (centre), outgoing president of the Canadian ORT Organization, and his wife Dodo are seen with some of the guests at his tribute evening: Senegalese Ambassador Abd'el Kader Fall and his wife Anna (at left) and Ugandan High Commissioner Joseph Tomusange (right).

Katzir, a brilliant scientist himself, is currently doing research at the Weizmann Institute and teaching at Tel Aviv University.

Chain, whose late husband Ernst won the Nobel Prize in 1945 for his research on penicillin, described biotechnology as simply the application of technological expertise to obtain something from biological material, which may be of benefit in such fields as medicine, agriculture and the food industry.

"Biotechnology was not invented 10 or 20 years ago as the media suggest...Its beginning goes back to the last century when Pasteur's work with micro-organisms led to an understanding of fermentation." The discovery of penicillin from a mold and its mass production were also made possible by biotechnology, she added.

During the last 30 years, biotechnology has enabled scientists to gain knowledge of the nature of genetic material in cells and how it may be manipulated in what is known as "genetic engineering."

ORT's interest in biotechnology is in its tradition of keeping pace with the latest developments in order that the highest standards of training may be offered to its students, she said.

Ruth Druxerman of Toronto, chairman of the Karmiel project in Canada, presented Heppner with a painting of the Galilee hills surrounding Karmiel by Israel artist Abba Kovner. Canadian ORT vice-president Bernard Gross also bestowed the ORT Israel Medallion on Heppner.

In his last report, Heppner noted that a serious problem exists today in Israel where ORT must continually turn down requests from communities that ORT open a new school or take over an existing one.

"It is quite a change from just a few years ago when we went out to the people to preach the value and the necessity of technical training. Now, students from around the world and especially in Israel compete for an acceptance to attend our schools."

In 1986, Canadian ORT remitted more than $1.88 million for its overseas programs. This sum included a $580,000 grant from the Canadian International Development Agency and total of $100,000 from the Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba governments.

Zionist group's letter sparks CJC protest

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress has protested the use of its name in a letter from Zionist Organization of Canada president Milton Winston, claiming that its recipients may infer that CJC has endorsed the ZOC in the current elections for the World Zionist Congress.

Winston, meanwhile, said CJC's protest is "absurd" and an "unwarranted and unconscionable intervention" by CJC and its president Dorothy Reitman in the affairs of the ZOC and the Zionist Congress elections.

Winston said the letter in question was mailed June 6 to approximately 9,000 persons throughout Canada, the vast majority members of the ZOC.

It alerts recipients that they will soon be receiving by mail from the Canadian Zionist Federation a ballot to vote for a slate of Canadian delegates to the 31st World Zionist Congress in Israel in December, and urges them to vote for the ZOC slate.

The mailing included brief biographical information on the 25 candidates on the ZOC slate, stressing "the involvement of the candidates in the Canadian community and Israel."

The offending paragraph follows: "The ZOC list represents all phases of Canadian life: the Zionist Organization of Canada, the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Canadian Sephardic Federation, Canadian Young Judaea, B'nai B'rith, the Jewish War Veterans, Canadian Jewish Congress, the United Israel Appeal and welfare funds, the Israel universities and other community projects."

Reitman wrote Winston that "we found your use of the Congress name in the mailing to be, at the very least, inappropriate.

Objection is called "absurd"

"Although it is true that you do not state that Congress has endorsed the Zionist Organization of Canada, it is more than probable that at least some of the recipients of that mailing would make that deduction, based on the presentation and wording contained therein.

"We must protest this use of the Congress name and ask that it not be repeated in future. Canadian Jewish Congress must and will remain independent of individual or organizational endorsements."

Winston said he saw no ambiguity in the letter's wording, insisting that he was merely trying to sum up the breadth of the ZOC's candidates' community involvement. Candidates Edward Wolkove, William Miller, Martin Chernin and Mort Pliskow, Winston noted, hold or have held executive positions with CJC.

"It is obvious the letter is written in plain English and never suggests or implies the ZOC is backed by Congress."

Winston also pointed out that the letter was "internal not external" and its recipients should have the sophistication to understand the context in which CJC is mentioned.

Furthermore, he was incensed at Reitman's handling of the matter. The CJC letter was released to the Jewish media and The CJN, at least, received a copy before Winston did. "She never contacted me to discuss the issue with me before the letter went out," he said.

Reitman was out of town at the time of writing and not available for further comment.

The deadline for the receipt of completed ballots has been extended to Aug. 1 by the Canadian Zionist Federation because of the postal disruptions.

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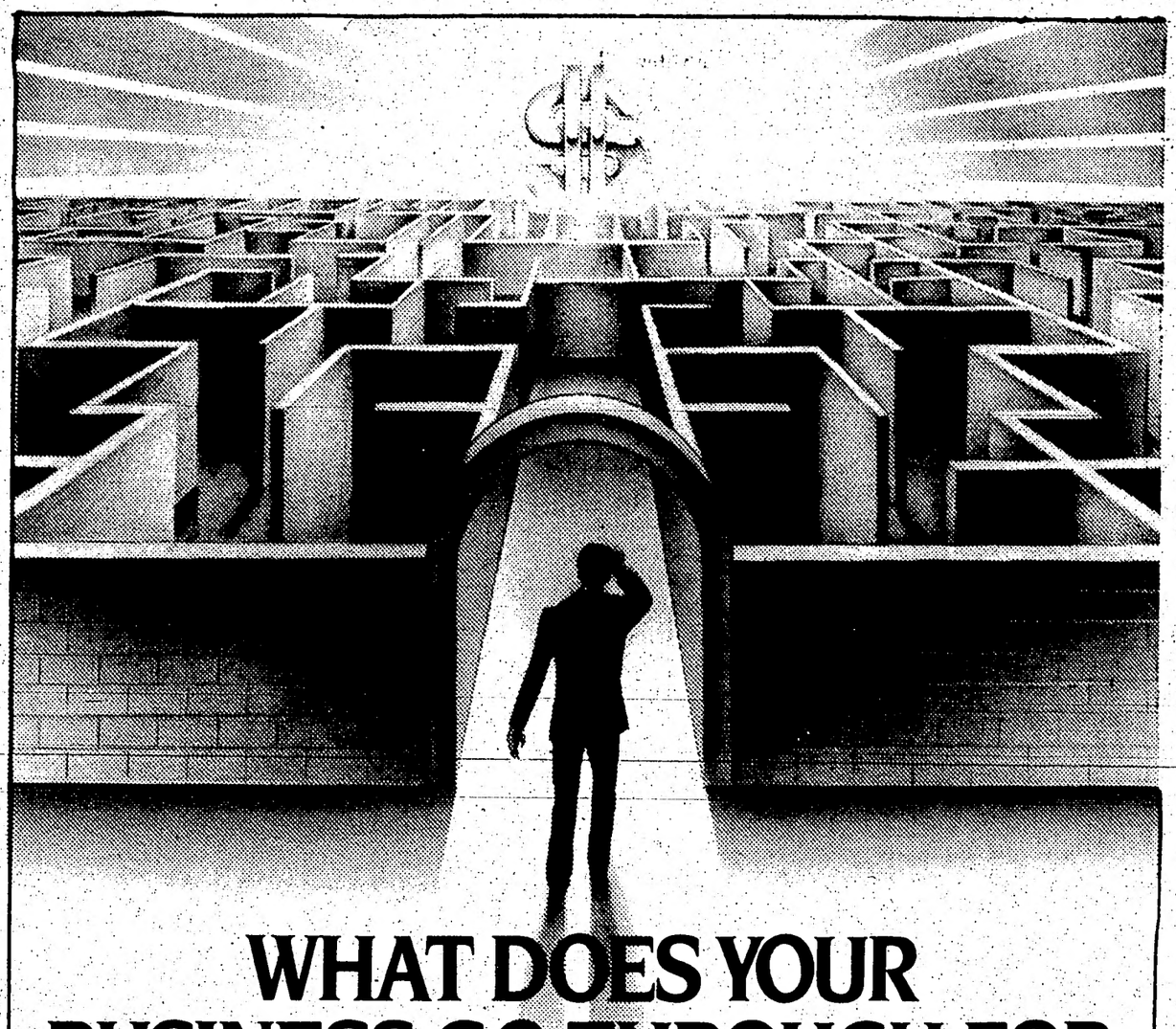

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: My doctor has told me that I must take a vacation. What shall I do to live my day as a ben Torah at a hotel or spa?

The Shulchan 'Aruch is a guide for daily life. It is an ethical almanac. In matters of health, however, your doctor is the shulchan 'aruch you must follow. He is the expert whose advice will point the way to guard your health. But, you are still obliged to study Torah.

Rabbi Burak

That's the rule laid down by Maimonides who served both as rabbi and medical man. Said he, in Hilchos Talmud Torah, Chapter 1:8: "Every Jewish male, whether poor or rich, whether whole in body or racked by pain, whether young or advanced in age . . . is obliged to set aside time for the study of Torah by day and at night. . . ."

So, you may not neglect your health; neither may you neglect the study of Torah. Let me present you with a possible schedule for one who is seeking to regain his health. I found it in a volume, She'arim ba-Halacha (1983) by Rabbi Moshe Shalita, a treatise on the methodology of our codes and their codifiers, given to me by my friend, Abraham Weiner.

There, in Chapter 4 which is given the title, "The difference in the methods of the Rambam and the Tur," I found, unexpectedly, a schedule for your days at a spa. "Get out of bed at 7.30 a.m. Morning prayers — at 8 o'clock. Study of halachos — 8.45. Breakfast — 9 o'clock. Morning walk — 10 a.m.

"Lunch — 12 p.m. Daf Yomi study — 2 p.m. Light snack — 4 p.m. Mincha — 6 p.m. Mishnah studies — 6.30. Ma'ariv — 7. Evening meal — 7.30. Musar studies — 8 p.m. Walk before bed time — 8.30."

While I have never seen an evening meal that took only a half-hour at a resort hotel, perhaps the fare is more spartan at a spa.

Again, we are not told what to do in the interval between the light snack at 4 p.m. and Mincha services at 6 p.m. Neither are we told how long the pre-bedtime walk takes, nor the hour when to retire for sleep. Such omissions are far from serious, inasmuch as the author's goal is to show how the Tur lists such a program, hour by hour, while Maimonides would list it differently — "Prayers: Morning Services — 8 a.m. Mincha — 6 p.m. Maariv — 7. Torah Studies — 8.45 a.m., 2 p.m. etc. Meals — 9 a.m. etc. Walks — 10 a.m. and 8.30 p.m."

The general idea behind such a program is to heal not only the body, but also the soul. By no means is the soul to be neglected when one is at a resort. It needs to be looked after just as carefully as the body. Otherwise the soul suffers from what the Bible calls "leanness," and modern thought might think it anorexia of the soul.

Not everyone in our Torah world will agree with the program suggested above. Many years ago, when Ner Israel Yeshiva of Baltimore sent a few students to recover their health at a modest hotel in the mountains, some sages looked askance at us.

I recall that one day Rabbi Albert Liff and Rabbi Wilfred Wolfson, teenagers then, joined me in some tennis. Several sages of the old school came over to us and said: "Is this what your rabbi taught you?"

Our reply was: "Right now, we are playing tennis. Later, we will show you what our rabbi taught us." At the supper table, we had a hot argument on a Talmudic text, and the voices rose to such a pitch that the hotel owner, Mr. Kleinberg z.l. of Kleinberg House begged us to call it off, because the guests thought a riot was in the offing.

Thus, you may be viewed with disapproval by some people. They may think that you are walking, sleeping, or, even eating too much. But, don't have a heated argument with them. Remind them, that all of these, if done to enable you to study Torah are considered Torah studies by the Rambam.

Former hunger striker charges:

Refusenik families wrenched apart

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Former Soviet hunger striker Lev Elbert charges that authorities appear to be veering from their policy of not splitting up Refusenik families.

In a recent telephone call, he told Genya Intrator, chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights, and Alex Cooperman, of B'nai B'rith's Russian-speaking Shalom Aleichem Lodge, that two recent cases — the Palankars of Yerevan in Soviet Armenia and the Ocuns of Leningrad — indicate justification of his statement.

The Palankars have been in refusal since 1980 because the Soviets claim the wife, Evgenia, has a security restriction because of her work as a computer engineer in 1971.

Elbert says Vili and their two sons Dimitri, 27, (with wife Irina, their 18-month-old son Natan and her mother Erina Lazaride of Tbilisi) and Evgeny, 21, recently have been given permission to leave the country but Evgenia must stay.

(Intrator explained that in the past, when one member of the family was accused of having secrets, the whole family was stigmatized and was forced to stay because they Soviets refused to split up families.

(The one loophole around the predicament was divorce. The "clean" spouse would reapply, get permission and leave with the offspring. That individual would then launch the repatriation appeal from outside the country.)

Elbert said that after a heartwrenching few days the Palankar boys decided to leave the country but Vili will stay with his wife.

The Ocuns, who have been in refusal since 1979, have also been told that all members but husband Yesim, who recently suffered a stroke, can go. Daughter Tamar, her husband and two children will leave the country but wife Evgenia "refuses to leave her ailing husband."

Cooperman said Elbert had harsh words for the commission established to look into cases of refusal based on secrecy. The commission, the Refusenik said, had looked into the first batch of cases and of the 12, there were 11 refusals.

The only person who received permission is Alexander Shustorovich, a computer mathematician who was first refused on secrecy grounds in 1977. The Moscow resident, his wife Alla and two daughters will leave soon.

When asked to estimate the number of applicants to be reviewed, Elbert said, "about 400 and at this rate it will take more than 10 years."

Although the commission is slated to review his case in the second batch sometime this month, in light of this new development of "refusing those who have so-called secrecy and giving permission to those members of the immediate family who do not, our family went to OVIR (emigration office) and applied separately for our son Carmi and my brother Michael. My wife doesn't want to leave without me but our son and my brother should."

The children of several well known Refuseniks have either emigrated or been given permission to do so in the last few weeks. Misha Taratuta, the son of Leningrad activist Aba Taratuta, was given an exit visa two weeks ago. Yana Bernshtein, daughter of Prisoner of Conscience Iosif Bernshtein (who Elbert said received permission on July 2), and her husband Vitaly Degtarov arrived in Israel last week as did Alexandra Lein, daughter of former Prisoner of Conscience Evgeny Lein, and her husband Mark Levinov.

Cooperman and Intrator agreed that Elbert was deeply distressed and not his usual upbeat self. The Refusenik's attitude is that nothing has changed in the Soviet Union, Cooperman said, adding that those refused because of secrecy still have no means of arguing their case.

They quoted the Refusenik as saying: "The commission is a sham. It was set up to fool people. It's just one more bureaucratic organization that stands between the KGB and OVIR. As far as I'm concerned, it's just a rubber stamp for what has been decided by the ministry of internal affairs."

Elbert said Semyon Gluzman, a psychiatrist who was arrested and imprisoned for 10 years for speaking out against the abuse of psychiatric prisons, is asking his friends in the West to lobby on his behalf.

Soon after he was released from prison in May 1982, he applied to emigrate but has been refused. Now he can't apply because his father and his wife's first husband won't give their permission as required by the Jan. 1 emigration decree.

Elbert said in the conversation sponsored by the BB lodge that if enough pressure is placed on the Soviets, they will grant exit visas to the Gluzmans.

In other Soviet Jewry news, Martin Penn, director of the Montreal-based Committee for Soviet Jewry, Canadian Jewish Congress, said that 141 Jews emigrated in the first six days of July bringing the annual total to 3,228.

Penn attributes the slight decline in the past few weeks to the heavy summer air traffic.

New lobby launched for Ioffe family's exit

MONTREAL —

The National Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress is intensifying its efforts on behalf of Refusenik Alexander Ioffe.

The committee is calling upon all Canadians who have visited the former hunger striker to join a special committee which will be established to work for his release.

Ioffe staged a 19-day fast earlier this year to challenge the newly enforced emigration decree and force Soviet authorities to grant exit visas to his son Dimitry, daughter-in-law Tatyana and granddaughter Ilana. They arrived in Israel in March and since then have sought to have the family including mother Rosa and daughter Anna repatriated.

Ioffe, who began a 10-day hunger strike on Father's Day (June 21), was refused in May and told not to reapply until at least 1993. He was also advised to, in his words, "contact the Research and Development Institute at which I had worked until April 1972 if I wanted to achieve an earlier result."

In a letter to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, he wrote, "Since 10 years ago ... OVIR (emigration office) had officially informed me that 'regime considerations' (a euphemism for secrecy) would remain in effect until 1982, and at the same time the institute had specifically denied any involvement in the decision to deny me an exit visa, this latest advice is the most cynical I have ever had.

"The hunger strike is in protest not only against the treatment meted out to my family, but also against the general practice of arbitrarily extending periods of state security for people who have been trying to get emigration permits for many long years."

Anyone interested in lending support, contact the Committee for Soviet Jewry, 1590 avenue Docteur Penfield, Montreal, Que. H3G 1C5. The phone number is (514) 931-7531.

— W.R.

Soviets free Taratuta

TORONTO —

Fourteen-year Refusenik Aba Taratuta, and his wife Ida, of Leningrad have permission to emigrate, The CJN has learned.

Taratuta, whose son Misha was granted permission to emigrate three weeks ago, had been refused for alleged secrecy even though the mathematician has not worked in that profession for 14 years.

Taratuta was one of several Leningrad Refuseniks who were fined in court stemming from their attempt to hold a memorial demonstration for cancer patient Yuri Shpeizman. — W.R.

Ex-prisoner Edelshtein has arrived in Israel

MONTREAL —

Former Prisoner of Conscience Yuli Edelshtein has arrived in Israel, the National Committee for Soviet Jewry announced at press time.

Edelshtein, whose 3-year prison sentence was commuted in May because of poor health, was accompanied by his wife Tatyana and her 12-year-old daughter. They had been granted exit visas about 4 weeks ago.

He had been seriously injured in a labor camp in January 1986 when he slipped on ice and fell 13 feet. In fracturing his thigh and pelvis, he tore his urethra, which required two operations to repair. — W.R.

Pollard said becoming observant Jew

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Jonathan Jay Pollard, serving a life sentence in a Springfield, Missouri, penitentiary on charges of spying for Israel, is apparently in the process of becoming an observant Jew.

"Much to the chagrin of my masters," he wrote in a letter to supporters in Jerusalem, "my cell is slowly taking on the apperance of a yeshiva."

In a two-page letter written on June 12, Pollard says he is visited once a week by a rabbi, eats kosher food and is voraciously reading Jewish texts. The letter also bears the Hebrew date.

Pollard's wife, Anne, is also reportedly becoming observant, and is regularly visited in her own prison cell by chabad chassidim.

"At the moment," writes Pollard, "I'm studying the Jewish laws pertaining to asylum, which I believe were grossly violated when we were expelled from the Israel Embassy after being told to come there."

"I hate to admit it, but it would seem that Rahab, the whore of Jericho, gave more protection to the two Hebrew spies sent out from Shittim than did the security officer at the embassy."

Though still angry at the Israeli government's treatment of him, Pollard expresses warm feelings for Israelis who contributed towards his legal costs.

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Landmark declaration seeks forgiveness

U.S. church group affirms Judaism's validity

NEW YORK (JTA) —
The United Church of Christ, one of the largest American Protestant denominations, has issued a strongly affirmative declaration on Judaism.

It proclaimed that Judaism and Christianity are equally legitimate and requested forgiveness for denying Judaism's validity and for the sometimes dire historical consequences of that denial.

The landmark declaration, made at a convention in Cleveland of the 1.7 million-member UCC, followed a compromise statement by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) several weeks earlier. The latter was received with ambivalence in the Jewish community because it stressed Palestinian rights and claimed "the modern State of Israel cannot be validated theologically."

Rabbi Alan Mittleman of the American Jewish Committee, who sat on the UCC committee that drafted the document, said that document is unique because it "reflects what Jews see as their Judaism . . . The Christians were well aware that one of the great sins of their church has been defining our Judaism for us. It really is a very bold statement which has also admitted historical Christian complicity in anti-semitism," he continued.

The Protestant statement declared: "We in the United Church of Christ acknowledge that the Christian Church has, throughout much of its history, denied God's continuous covenantal relationship with the Jewish people expressed in the faith of Judaism. This denial has often led to outright rejection of the Jewish people and to theologically and humanly intolerable violence.

". . . We pray for divine grace that will enable us, more firmly than ever before, to turn from this path of rejection and persecution to affirm that Judaism has not been superseded by Christianity; that Christianity is not to be understood as the sucessor religion to Judaism; God's covenant with the Jewish people has not been abrogated. God has not rejected the Jewish people; God is faithful in keeping his covenant."

Mittleman indicated that the document made the following important declarations:

- Christians cannot understand the New Testament without understanding first-century Judaism.
- A confession of guilt for denying God's covenant with the Jews and an admission of systemic bias against Judaism that has pervaded church theology and teachings.
- The acknowledgement of a casual connection between the church's bias against Judaism and the anti-semitic bias of governments or classical political anti-semitism, and a declaration that Christians cannot distance themselves from the political phenomenon.
- A strong affirmation that Christianity does not supersede or replace Judaism.
- A call to implement the new perspective on Jews, Judaism and Israel in Christian institutions by teaching in schools, liturgy and other functions an affirmative theological view of Judaism.

Although the issue of Israel as the Jewish homeland is contentious and problematic in Christian theology, the Protestant statement did include Israel in its overall affirmation of Judaism.

"This church has gone on record to affirm the entire historical and modern life of Jews including Israel," Mittleman said. "It is a global affirmation of solidarity with the Jewish people."

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NEW YORK (JTA) —
Rev. Bailey Smith, a fundamentalist Christian leader, has once again recommended that Jews be born again."

Smith, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, gained notoriety in 1980 when he said that "God Almighty doesn't hear the prayer of a Jew."

He subsequently apologized. Addressing the recent Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists in St. Louis, Smith said that "unless they (Jews) repent and get born again, they don't have a prayer."

Rabbi A. James Rudin, director of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee, said: "Smith's recent statement clearly reveals that he remains where he was seven years ago: a self-imposed prisoner in a theological swamp of narrow triumphalism and religious imperialism."

"But, Rudin noted, "his negative views and limited understanding of Jews and Judaism are daily being repudiated by an increasing number of Christian bodies and leaders, including members of his own Southern Baptist Convention, and most recently the Presbyterian Church U.S.A."

According to a tape of Smith's remarks in St. Louis, the fundamentalist leader said: "I'm not against the Jewish people. Unless they repent and get born again, they don't have a prayer. You say 'Man, that's going to cause you trouble,' I don't care what trouble it causes.

"I love the Jewish people and the greatest love you can have for the Jews or anybody else is to tell them without Jesus Christ you don't have a hope. That's the only hope there is. Through Jesus Christ."

Presidential advisor dies

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —
Arthur Burns, former U.S. Federal Reserve Board chairman and advisor to five presidents, died here recently at age 83 of complications after heart surgery.

A pioneer in the study of theory of business cycles, Burns was a Washington institution as a conservative but pragmatic economist. His forceful personality and powerful intellect influenced the country's economic policy from 1953 when he came to Washington to be President Dwight Eisenhower's chief economic advisor.

From 1970 to 1978, he was chairman of the federal Reserve Board. Appointed by President Richard Nixon, he clashed frequently with President Jimmy Carter who decided not to reappoint him to a third 4-year term in 1978.

Burns was on President John Kennedy's Advisory Committee on Labor Management Policy and outlined economic problems for President Lyndon Johnson. President Ronald Reagan named him ambassador to West Germany, where he served from 1981 to 1985.

While Federal reserve chairman, Burns privately warned member banks to avoid being influenced by pro-Arab activists who sought to have them bar or limit loans to Israel. His warning was a precursor to federal legislation that countered the Arab League's boycott of Israel.

When the Anti-Defamation League honored him in 1978 Burns told a distinguished assembly of Americans at the Federal Reserve Building of his Jewish heritage and the inspiration he drew from it.

Burns was born in Stanislau, now in the Soviet Ukraine. His family came to Bayonne, NJ, when he was 10.

Calgary mosque attack

Jew offers victims support

By
PAUL LUNGEN

CALGARY —
An official of the Jewish Community Council is working with the Moslem victims of a recent firebombing attempt to help them come to grips with the attack.

Hal Joffe, vice-president of the local Jewish Community Council, has met with the president of a Calgary mosque which suffered three racist vandalism incidents in three weeks. All the incidents occurred on consecutive Friday nights, the last of which saw two lit Molotov cocktails thrown into the mosque through its windows. Previous attacks were limited to broken windows and splattered paint.

The bottle containing the flammable liquid did not break and the fluid did not ignite, Joffe told The CJN. As a result there was minimal damage. Accompanying the arson attempt was grafitti of painted swastikas and the slogan "Go Home Pakis" daubed on the walls.

Joffe, in his capacity as president of CARRD, Citizens Against Racial and Religious Discrimination, said he has helped the mostly Pakistani and East Indian mosque members deal with the police and the media and has provided "a generally sympathetic approach to the feelings resulting from this."

A group claiming to be the "new Revivalists of the National Socialist German Workers Party (NAZI)" took responsibility for the attacks and promised to do more damage in future attacks.

A letter from the group was delivered to the Calgary Herald after the newspaper printed brief stories about the incidents. The letter promised that the group in its next attack would "complete the destruction of the target and its occupants." The letter ended with "Heil Hitler" and was signed "Wolf."

Police are investigating the attacks, Joffe said, but they, like himself, are unfamiliar with the group. He speculated the person or people in the group may be an offshoot of other racist groups in the province. At first police attributed the window-smashings to simple vandalism, since the mosque is located in an industrial area which is used on weekends for drag car racing.

Joffe said a salutary result of the incidents could be the "rapprochement" between various ethnic groups in Calgary, who have met to discuss the attacks and reactions to them.

Jewish groups oppose Bork

NEW YORK (JTA) —
Two national Jewish organizations have announced their opposition to President Reagan's nomination of federal judge Robert Bork to be an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Irma Gertler, president of B'nai B'rith Women, said: "The appointment of Judge Bork would seriously jeopardize important gains made by women in recent years."

Theodore Mann, president of the American Jewish Congress, called Bork's nomination "an explicitly independent decision" by the President.

He said the AJCongress opposed Bork "because of his stand on such issues as privacy, free speech, civil rights and church-state separation."

But two other major Jewish organizations contacted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency declined to make a statement on Bork's nomination. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said it didn't know if it would comment. The American Jewish Committee said it would not comment.

Gertler noted that Bork "has spoken out publicly against abortion rights and laws against sexual harassment of women. His public position on public funding of religious schools threatens the separation of church and state, a matter of deep concern to our 120,000 members throughout the United States."

Mann said in a statement: "President Reagan's nomination of Judge Bork . . . is regrettable. We urge the Senate judiciary committee to reject this nomination. Judge Bork obviously has the legal and intellectual qualifications to sit on the court.

"Nevertheless, in a series of law review articles and speeches over the years he has expressed disagreement with a long series of significant precedents which are now deeply embedded in American law and which have significantly expanded the rights of citizens with respect to such crucial areas as privacy, free speech, civil rights and church-state separation."

TAU chancellor Wise dies in Miami hospital

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —
Tel Aviv University chancellor George Wise has died at the Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami. He was 81.

Wise, a scholar, industrialist and philanthropist, became president of the university in 1963, when it had 1,200 students in two faculties. By the time he retired in 1971 there were 12,000 students studying in eight faculties, with a teaching staff of 1,000.

Wise raised the money to build the university in Ramat Aviv.

Before his achievements at Tel Aviv University, Wise was board chairman of the Hebrew University for nine years. He was also involved in Israeli industry, including the Clal conglomerate, the American Development Corporation and the American Israeli Paper Mills in Hadera.

Born in Poland, Wise immigrated in 1926 to the U.S., where he pursued an academic career and built two newsprint concerns. He established a newsprint plant in Mexico and promoted government literacy campaigns there, for which he was awarded the Aztec Eagle, Mexico's highest honor.

At the time of his death, he was Distinguished Professor of international affairs and a member of the board of governors of Miami University.

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Federal committee lists 62 recommendations

New approach to multiculturalism urged: report

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

There is an urgent need for a new direction in the federal govenment's approach to multiculturalism, according to a new report by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Multiculturalism.

In its first report tabled in the House of Commons, the standing committee called for sweeping changes to the way multiculturalism policies and programs are delivered. As a result, the committee has made 62 recommendations in the report, Multiculturalism, Building The Canadian Mosaic, including an enhanced multiculturalism policy, a separate department, a commissioner of multiculturalism and a multiculturalism act.

Conservative committee member Andrew Witer said at a recent press conference that the report is now being distributed to interested groups and the standing committee will hold hearings across the country in the fall.

He said that while the multiculturalism policy enacted by the federal Liberal government in 1971 remains an excellent policy, Canada has come a long way since then and needs a new direction in multiculturalism.

Liberal multiculturalism critic Sergio Marchi, also a member of the committee, said his party supports the report and expressed hope that the government would immediately "adopt and embrace" the recommendations. By doing so, he said it would give multiculturalism the same "tools" as bilingualism received when the Official Languages Act was created in 1969.

NDP multiculturalism critic Ernie Epp said his party was also pleased with the report, pointing out that the New Democratic Party was committed to creating a department of multiculturalism before the last election. Epp also presented a minority report which includes recommendations not included in the committee report.

Conservative committee member John Oostrom said he would have prefered to see the committee recommend the creation of a federal ministry of citizenship and culture instead of a department of multiculturalism.

Multiculturalism currently exists in the federal government as a sector within the secretary of state department. This sector reports to the secretary of state and minister responsible for multiculturalism. David Crombie presently holds the dual portfolios.

The report states there is a need for a new department of multiculturalism with a full-time minister and deputy minister to coordinate government wide delivery of programs and provide advocacy to ethnocultural communities. It could be created by realigning existing programs currently administered by various government departments.

The committee also recommended a new multiculturalism act be immediately put in place and a multiculturalism infrastructure be established to spearhead the advancement of a new multiculturalism policy.

Crombie announced in May that he will be introducing a multiculturalism act in the fall.

This policy would be based on eight principles including multiculturalism for all Canadians, advancement of multiculturalism within a bilingual framework, equality of opportunity, preservation and enhancement of cultural diversity, elimination of discrimination, establishment of affirmative measures, enhancement of heritage languages and support for immigrant women.

In recommending a new multiculturalism infrastructure, the standing committee called for:

- **The creation of a Canadian Centre for Multiculturalism to conduct research on multiculturalism, develop a data bank on ethnocultural minorities and coordinate all related activities and information across Canada.**
- A reconstituted Canadian Multiculturalism Council to be called the Canadian Multiculturalism Advisory Council whose members would reflect the multicultural diversity of Canada.
- The establishment of the office of the commissioner of multiculturalism to monitor, investigate, and report to Parliament on the implementation of multiculturalism policies throughout the government.
- The appointment of a multiculturalism advisor to the Prime Minister to keep the PM briefed on issues in the field and to consult ethnic communities and provide access to them in the Prime Minister's office.
- The establishment of a cabinet committee on multiculturalism to implement federal policies and to ensure all departments are sensitized to the needs of ethnic groups.

Jerusalem sues Goren over Holocaust artwork

JERUSALEM —

The Jerusalem municipality has taken former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren to court to force him to take down the Ya'akov Agam Holocaust memorial erected on the roof of his Idra Religious Institute overlooking the Western Wall.

Goren condemned the city's move as "a blatantly anti-semitic act stemming from hatred of religion," and claimed that it would "arouse Jews throughout the world."

But municipality officials responded that Goren was using public sensitivity towards the Holocaust to cover up the fact that he was breaking the law by not obtaining a building permit from the city.

"If someone had to build a memorial to the Holocaust at the Western Plaza, I would have thought that they would consult Yad Vashem and the education ministry, and I don't know who else," said Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, "Rabbi Goren wasn't authorized to establish, for all the Jewish people, a memorial to the six million.

"Why him and not everyone else who has a building surrounding the Western Wall as well?" Kollek asked.

As a city hall lawyer filed a charge sheet and a request for an early hearing in the local affairs court (formerly called municipality court) in Jerusalem, the event assumed more hyperbolic proportions.

A few days ago, Goren was quoted as saying that he would take the memorial down only when the Holy Temple is rebuilt, at which time it would be passed from the roof of his institution to the roof of the Temple itself.

The charge sheet filed by the city says that Goren did not get a permit from the local planning committee and built something that deviates from the plan approved for the Jewish Quarter of the Old City.

Goren's position is that one does not need a permit to put up a memorial, and that, five weeks before the dedication of the memorial, Kollek gave his approval for the project without so much as mentioning the need to get a permit.

Incorporating jets of fire and water, the memorial has six torches, six Stars of David seemingly suspended above them, and the letters of the Hebrew word yizkor (remembrance) between the stars.

A consortium of environmental and public art groups has criticized the memorial on legal and esthetic grounds. Critics say that the Western Wall area is itself a memorial to the six million and does not require any embellishment.

Natalie Kudish receives a scroll of appreciation for donation of a chair in chemical engineering from the dean of the department, Ephraim Kehat.

Israeli institute dedicates Kudish engineering chair

HAIFA —

The Technion-Israel Institute of Technology recently dedicated the Israel Isaac and Natalie Kudish Chair in Chemical Engineering in a ceremony during a meeting of its international board of governors.

The chair was established by Natalie Kudish of Ottawa in her name and that of her late husband.

Israel Isaac Kudish was a chemical engineer educated in Czechoslovakia. During World War II, he and his wife owned a leather factory in Poland, and because of the urgent need for leather boots and shoes for the military, they were spared by the Nazis.

After the war, the Kudishes moved to South America, and in 1962 arrived in Canada.

In addition to the chair, the Kudishes also established a scholarship fund at Technion and donated a dormitory room in memory of their parents — Moses and Silla Kudish and Manes Menachem and Paula Halperin.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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SHERR — SHEMETOFSKY — CHOMOTESKY

Murray Sherr, who co-authors a neighboring column in this publication (The Readers Ask), writes that the family name was originally CHOMOTESKY and that his forebears came from a shtetl near KIEV. The reference undoubtedly is to the Ukrainian village of CHOMUTEC. But his letter goes on to say that the family changed its name to SHEMETEFSKY and eventually to SHERR.

I pondered long about the strange change of name to SHEMETEFSKY. It is probably sheer romantic speculation, but I should like to think that it was inspired by Israel Baal Shem Tov, the founder of chassidism.

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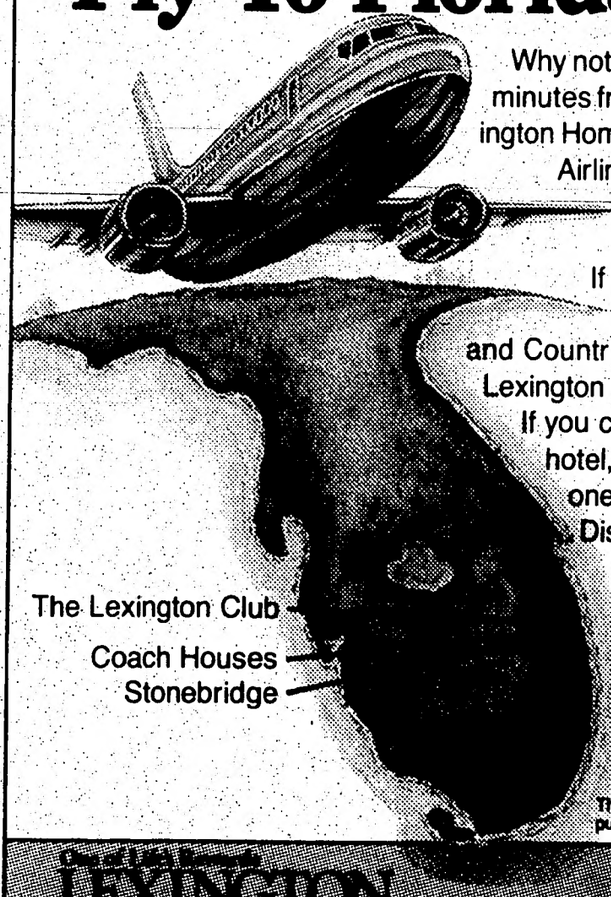

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Heroine-poet Hannah Szenes was born in Budapest on July 17, 1921. The circle of her life closed in the same city in 1944, after a daring return from Eretz Israel in an effort to stop the Nazi destruction of Hungary's Jews.

Szenes was born into an assimilated family. At an early age, she began to follow in the footsteps of her father Bela, a playwright and columnist who died when she was a chld. By the time she began her diary at age 13, which she kept to the day of her death, she was already her school's poet laureate.

After winning a school election to head the grade 7 literary society, she was denied the position because she was Jewish. She plunged into Hebrew studies, preparing to leave for the Holy Land. A casual entry reads: "I don't know if I already mentioned that I've become a Zionist."

At 17, she was accepted at the Nahalal agricultural school for girls, in the Jezreel Valley. She arrived there Sept. 19, 1939. "I am home," she wrote in her diary.

For the next two years, she worked herself to the bone in the dairy, laundry and orchards. A strong sense of purpose and the breathtaking landscape of vast flatlands framed by rolling hills combined to lift her spirits from the drudgery. Her diary expressed loneliness, homesickness and growing isolation, borne with the hope that "By being here, I am fulfilling a mission."

Services sought

Her reputation for charm, wit, dedication and hard work spread, as several kibbutzim vied for her arm and mind. She finally chose to join a group of young idealists planning to develop a sandy tract near Caesarea, Sdot Yam. "I don't want anything ready made," she told her diary.

She spent another two years of 12-hour days in the kitchen and laundry.

Accounts of the annihilation of Europe's Jews trickled in. Hannah felt compelled to return to Hungary and rescue her mother Catherine and brother George. She joined a Haganah unit that volunteered for a mission into central Europe under the guidance of the British army. After a year of training, she and 31 men departed as parachute commandos. George Szenes arrived in Haifa just as she was leaving, in time for a last minute reunion.

In March, 1944, Hannah's group was flown from Egypt to liberated Italy. They were dropped into Nazi-occupied Yugoslavia to help the local resistance rescue and smuggle out downed Allied airmen. The German occupation of Hungary at that time launched deportations to Auschwitz of the country's 850,000 Jews, taken away to their death at the rate of 12,000 men, women and children a day.

Tried for treason

Hannah, who had returned to Europe to try and help her fellow Jews, crossed into Hungary on June 7. Assisting her were just two young boys and a French prisoner-of-war. She was quickly caught by the Gestapo with her radio transmitter. Resisting preliminary interrogation, she was taken to Budapest, where Adolf Eichmann was, for interrogation. She continued to refuse to divulge her radio code.

In an effort to shock her into compliance, the Hungarian police arranged a surprise meeting between Hannah and her mother. The latter, who had not seen her daughter for five years, had no reason to think that Hannah had left the safety of Israel. Hannah continued to reveal nothing to her interrogators. She was arraigned for treason, her trial set for the end of October. Two Israelis who reached Budapest, Yoel Palgi and Peretz Goldstein, tried without success to free Hannah through the offices of local Zionist leader Rudolph Kasztner. The controversial Kasztner, who was in the midst of arranging for the freedom of some 1,700 Jews from his home town, could not be reached.

In her trial, Hannah accused the Hungarian authorities of "joining forces with our blood enemy." She met a firing squad on Nov. 7, 1944.

In 1950, her remains were taken from the martyrs' section of Budapest's Jewish cemetery to Mount Herzl in Jerusalem.

Compromise package would include cutbacks

Rescue effort mounted for Lavi

By
JTA AND JPFS

JERUSALEM —

A rescue effort has been mounted to save the beleaguered Lavi fighter plane project.

Although the cabinet is evenly divided on the issue, ministers are trying to arrange a compromise package with Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) which would include cutbacks, layoffs and eventually fewer Lavis coming off the assembly line than originally planned.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who spent most of a week in Washington consulting with top officials of the Reagan Administration and members of Congress on the future of the Lavi, returned home confirming U.S. opposition to the project on grounds of excessive costs.

He reported the U.S. was prepared to assist Israel with the shut-down costs, within limits. Details were not made public but apparently Rabin favors the American approach.

He warned the cabinet that the Lavi would put severe strains on Israel's budgetary capacity and that the defence budget certainly cannot sustain the costs.

In the wake of these developments, IAI presented the defence minister with new ideas for cutting the cost of the project.

Well-informed sources said the plan calls for completing the Lavi's development and building the first few aircraft according to the original schedule. Production would then be modified to keep costs down.

Rabin, who had seen some versions of the proposals, maintained they did not entail any change in the outlay required in the coming three to four years.

According to the defence minister, unless the defence budget is increased, there is no way the plane can be built.

Even if the budget is increased — military sources say they need an extra $300 million to $400 million a year, not including the money for the Lavi — the Israel Defence Force can make better use of each dollar by spending it on projects other than the Lavi, according to Rabin.

Meanwhile, aides to Prime Minister Shamir said that if the new proposals appear viable, he will attempt to muster the cabinet's support for continuing the project.

However, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim said that the controversial project represents "a very great threat to the state budget."

Speaking before a subcommittee of the Knesset economic committee responsible for exports, Nissim said the government's problem was that it lacked a proper scale of priorities.

Any spending beyond the limits in the state budget would threaten the national export drive, he said, and the allocation of additional funds to the Lavi could cause such overspending.

One of the principal arguments in favor of the Lavi has been that abandonment would cause widespread unemployment and affect the morale of engineers and others in defence and high technology industries.

Moshe Cohen, chairman of the Association of Science-based industries, was quoted in the press as telling Immigration Minister Yaakov Tsur that more than 200 senior scientists, professors and PhDs emigrated from Israel in the past year.

Tsur reportedly said that his ministry's figures indicate that about 8,000 Israeli engineers presently live in the U.S.

UIA pledges help for border settlers

METULLA (JPFS) —

Delegates from the United Israel Appeal of Canada have pledged further aid to help "normalize the abnormal way of life" of settlers along the Lebanese border.

The pledge was made during a fact-finding tour by a 50-strong delegation from the UIA of Canada, who visited the border area just two days after a katyusha rocket exploded inside the security zone in South Lebanon, not far from the border.

The delegates visited several "confrontation-line" settlements, Mt. Hermon, and the Good Fence checkpoint at Metulla.

They were briefed by settlement leaders and by the deputy head of northern command on the problems of residents who live under fear of rocket attacks and terrorist infiltration attempts.

Metulla Mayor Yossi Goldberg, who is chairman of the committee of confrontation-line settlements, said the delegates had promised to help strengthen ties between the Canadian Jewish community and the northern settlers.

"They also pledged further aid to help make life as normal as possible for the residents, despite the abnormal conditions caused by living near the border," he said.

This assistance, Goldberg said, would take the form of educational and cultural projects.

He noted that the UIA of Canada had already helped establish 53 such projects in Galilee and the north. These include an auditorium in Kiryat Shmona, a technological high school in Upper Nazareth and a similar school project planned for Safad, a library in Acre, and a sports and community centre in Metulla.

In Jerusalem, the delegation — comprising mainly top Canadian contributors — heard Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir condemn Jordan for hosting a recent state visit by Austrian President Kurt Waldheim.

Shamir said that "Jordan's playing host to Mr. Waldheim and the vicious attacks in the Jordanian media in the course of that visit are an affront to the Jewish people and to Israel.

"Arab leaders who truly want peace with Israel should distance themselves from any identification with the Nazi experience, and should be sensitive to the impact of its memories on the Jewish people."

5,150 die of cancer

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Cancer afflicts 8,500 Israelis each year, and 5,150 Israelis die of it annually. Health Minister Shoshana Abrelli-Almoslino told an International Conference on Cancer at Bar-Ilan University.

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Editorial

Disappointing

Just as Canadian Jews, along with other fair-minded Canadians, were about to congratulate the Government of Canada for its action in introducing the anti-war criminal bill into the Commons, the distressing news of its delay, comes as a grave disappointment (CJN July 9).

Justice Minister Ramon Hnatyshyn was forced to withdraw the bill at the last moment — despite the fact that he had obtained an all-party agreement to speed its passage through the House.

The new bill, it was said, was needed for the RCMP and the justice department to continue investigations leading to possible prosecution of as many as 20 suspected Nazi war criminals identified by the Deschenes Commission.

According to press reports, Mr. Hnatyshyn was beaten by the clock — that is to say, by the fact that there were only 8 minutes left in the Commons session before the summer adjournment, not enough time for discussion of his bill.

If this is a mere technical question then the bill should be approved quickly when the Commons resumes sitting in the fall.

There is some disquieting news to the effect, however, that the bill was blocked by two members of the Conservative caucus who refused to give unanimous consent until debate took place on a number of amendments.

One amendment, a highly controversial one, would have imposed a publication ban on reporting all war criminal trials, with the information released only if the person was convicted.

There is no doubt that debate on this and some of the other amendments would have been protracted.

Because of the introduction of these amendments by members of the party in power, the pursuit of Nazi war criminals will have to be suspended for three months or more.

This is a most unfortunate development because it makes it difficult for Canada's justice agencies to proceed with the task at hand.

We trust the bill will receive priority attention when the Commons resumes sitting in the fall.

Verdict in France

The guilty verdict rendered in the Klaus Barbie trial — along with the life sentence meted out to the "Butcher of Lyons," are stirring confirmations that France's traditions of justice are strong.

This, of course, has not always been obvious where Jews are concerned. From the medieval period through the Second World War France has been schizophrenic on Jews and Judaism.

It was in France that the first burning of Jewish books took place in the 13th century. It was among the French Catholic clergy that the teaching of contempt for Jews took root in the post-Renaissance period.

In the 19th century France was a leading centre for anti-semitic agitation and the home of a mass circulation daily newspaper, La Libre Parole, whose anti-Jewish venom was a model for Julius Streicher's Nazi rag, Der Stuermer.

At the end of the 19th century France plunged to the very depths with its judicial rape of Alfred Dreyfus and in the 4th decade of this century descended even lower with the Vichy government and the persecution of French Jews.

Alongside this France there has always been another more sterling version of the French spirit. It has manifested itself by the revolutionary Declaration of the Rights of Man, by the enfranchisement of Jews by Napoleon and by the teaching of enlightenment and tolerance by the country's literary immortals.

It is that part of the soul of France represented by the coalition of Frenchmen who fought to exonerate Dreyfus (and who succeeded) and by the brave people in the Resistance who fought against the Nazi occupation in World War II.

The judges in the courtroom at Lyons belong to that decent vision of France. For them Klaus Barbie stands for the modern barbarian of Nazism; he represents a repudiation of that which is noble, honest and just in the French spirit.

Barbie's conviction and sentencing does not mean that the nightmare for French Jews and Frenchmen in general is over. There will always be a residual disquiet whenever the record of France during the occupation is surveyed.

Risks conflict with Iran in Gulf War

U.S. drawing closer to Iraq

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The so-called tanker war in the Persian Gulf is drawing the U.S. into the Iran-Iraq war more blatantly on Iraq's side.

Officially, Washington is neutral, with President Ronald Reagan and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz having issued even-handed statements about that increasingly bloody conflict.

But in practice, the Reagan administration has tilted toward Iraq in a war that has claimed hundreds of thousands of casualties.

The latest example of Washington's pro-Iraqi policy is its decision to place half of Kuwait's fleet of tankers under the U.S. flag. The U.S. hopes that this strategem will discourage Iran from attacking Kuwaiti vessels. Like most countries in the Arab world, Kuwait — a pro-American monarchy — supports Iraq in its war against Iran. In conjunction with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait provides Iraq with cash subsidies and allows Soviet weapons to be shipped through its territory to Iraq. Without Kuwait's assistance, Iraq might have to sue for immediate peace.

Embittered by Kuwait's pro-Iraqi policy, Iran, in the past year, has attacked about 20 Kuwaiti ships plying the waters of the Persian Gulf. Iran, however, has not gone after U.S. ships. But it has warned the U.S. to keep its forces out of the Persian Gulf.

Iran has not singled out Kuwait for special treatment. The Iranian campaign against Kuwait, which desperately fears Iran's brand of Shiite Islamic fundamentalism, is part of its overall strategy against its chief enemy, Iraq.

In 1984, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein opened up a new front in the protracted war by declaring an exclusion zone for shipping in the Persian Gulf. Hussein estimated he could bring the fighting to a successful conclusion if he choked off the flow of Iranian oil exports, which enable Iran to finance the war, and thus cripple Iran's fragile economy.

The Iraqi Air Force carried out punishing raids against Iran's most important oil terminals, ranging as far north as Kharg Island and as far south as the Strait of Hormuz, which leads to the Arabian Sea.

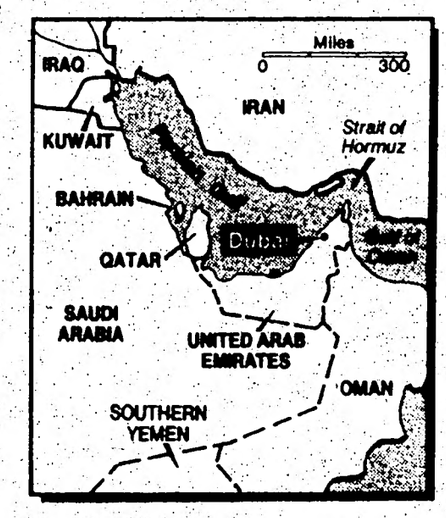
In response, Iran took to attacking freighters carrying essential supplies to Iraq. So far, 300 ships flying many different flags have been hit by Iraqi and Iranian planes, resulting in the deaths of some 120 sailors.

The tanker war has grown so fierce that Iraq has been forced to export its oil through Saudi Arabian and Turkish pipelines. (The Turks are neutral, supplying both sides with various services.)

Ronald Reagan

Clearly, Iraq underestimated Iran's resiliency, just as it miscalculated its chances of defeating Iran in the opening stages of the war. Iran has been able to match Iraq blow for blow. Indeed, Iran, much to Iraq's dismay, has raised the ante. Early this year, the Iranians deployed Italian-made Sea King surface-to-surface anti-ship missiles, and installed Chinese Silkworm missiles, along the gulf coast, thereby threatening to close the narrow passage into the Strait of Hormuz.

In another startling development, Iran undertook night attacks against neutral shipping to and from Kuwait.



Kuwait, frightened by the scope of Iran's aggressive policy, called upon the Soviet Union to step into the crisis. Kuwait, acting on the mistaken assumption that Iran will not attack Soviet shipping (one Soviet freighter was hit recently near Dubai), requested the lease of three of its ships for use in the gulf. Moscow, which is on less than cordial terms with Iran, sells large quantities of weapons to Iraq and seeks to expand its influence among conservative Arab states, agreed.

Kuwait, knowing that the U.S. would not reject a similar demarche, approached the Reagan administration, which has been more or less partial to its hard-pressed ally, Iraq. Under Reagan, the U.S. has forged a rapprochement with Iraq. In 1984, Washington reestablished diplomatic relations with Baghdad, severed during the Six Day War by an angry Iraq. In its revulsion to the staunchly anti-American regime in Teheran, the U.S. has also provided Iraq with hundreds of millions of dollars worth of credits as well as with satellite reconnaissance photographs of Iranian military positions.

Under these circumstances, the Reagan administration showed no reluctance to agree to put 11 of Kuwait's ships under its protection. And in an ironic twist, the White House used the May 17 Iraqi attack on the frigate Stark (which killed 37 sailors) as a pretext for greater involvement in the affairs of the region.

Reagan's policy is not new. In 1980, shortly after the Soviet Union's massive intervention in Afghanistan, President Jimmy Carter declared that the U.S. had a vital interest in keeping open the shipping lanes of the Persian Gulf.

Saddam Hussein

There is much truth in the assertion. American allies, notably Japan and the countries of Western Europe, rely on Persian Gulf oil to fuel their economies. And, of course, the U.S. is apprehensive that the Soviet Union may increase its influence in that area. When Reagan recently spoke of the necessity to help Kuwait, he said: "If we don't do the job, the Soviets will. And that will jeopardize our own national security and that of our allies."

In addition to promising relief to Kuwait and, by inference, to Iraq, the U.S. has warned Iran not to go ahead with plans to deploy the Silkworm missile system. In its bid to assist Iraq, the U.S. has called on the Soviet Union to cooperate in a global arms embargo against Iran, this despite the Irangate scandal. (Moscow's allies in Asia and Eastern Europe account for about 20% of Iranian arms purchases.) And Caspar Weinberger, the U.S. secretary of defence, has said he would not be pleased by an Iranian victory.

To Washington's regret, none of its allies has shown any enthusiasm for protecting Kuwaiti shipping, even though about 40% of Western Europe's oil supplies move through the Strait of Hormuz.

At a recent NATO meeting, the Europeans were distinctly cool to the idea. And, in the region itself, neither the Gulf states nor Saudi Arabia have let the U.S. establish bases on their territory.

Congressional opposition

If the U.S. intends to police the Persian Gulf, it will most probably have to go it alone. But such a role seems to fly in the face of congressional opposition. In the aftermath of the Stark incident, Congress wants to know whether U.S. ships thousands of miles away from home can really be protected.

Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has added his voice to the debate by warning that the U.S. should be prepared for casualties should the administration proceed with the Kuwait escort plan.

Clearly, the American fleet in the Persian Gulf, consisting of only six warships and one guided missile destroyer, is too small to intimidate a regional power like Iran. Washington, in order to cow Iran, would have to enlarge its flotilla in that inland sea by a considerable margin. But it is debatable whether American public opinion would be receptive to an escalation of the conflict.

Washington faces some very tough choices in the Persian Gulf, and the urgency of the problem will increase if the 7-year-old war between Iran and Iraq escalates. For the U.S., the question is whether it can live up to its responsibility as a super power without risking a dangerous conflict with Iran.

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Uncle Miltie's gags are still flying fast and furious

By
GERRY MORRIS

Comedian Milton Berle (right) is another giant in the entertainment world interviewed by Gerry Morris (left), New York theatre critic for The CJN.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. —

Milton Berle was everything I imagined him to be: funny, bright, animated, open and generous.

Like his onstage personality, the Berle is also brash, aggressive and strangely likeable. His voice has been gutted by a lifetime of cigar-chugging. He is thicker around the middle and not quite as spry as he used to be (he underwent successful heart surgery in 1985). But in spite of everything his gait is brisk and his loopy grin still flashes youthful enthusiasm. He wears his 78 years very well.

You might ask — is he still that strong? Can he still draw from his computer mind of gags at will? You bet! The arrows fly fast and furious.

Opening question: "I understand that you are the proprietor of 6 million jokes, cross-referenced. Is that true?"

Berle paused, puffing a halo of cigar smoke in a vaguely northerly direction and said, "Correction, 6½ million."

"How many do you have stashed away in your head?"

"Maybe a million," he said half-jokingly.

"Tell me, Mr. Berle, what happens to these jokes when you die?"

Without batting an eyelash he responded with machine-gun delivery: "They go back to the original owners!" This line prompted gales of laughter which included the guffaws of his long-time writer-producer and close friend, Buddy Arnold, who joined our interview at Berle's favorite Friars Club table where, as president, he holds court and conducts business daily.

Berle's presence swarms with more cronies than Carter has pills. No wonder: he has a well-honed stockpile of anecdotes and jokes drawn from his rich career of 74 years.

It's important that people laugh at Milton. As a matter of fact it's more than important. It's life itself. "I just don't enjoy anything as much as I enjoy making people laugh. Money is great — there's nothing like it, but it runs a slow second to work. If I lay off more than a week my nails come off.

"Waiting for me to retire is like leaving the porch light on for Jimmy Hoffa."

His motto is anything for a laugh, and practically anything he says gets one. Berle's the original national treasure.

As chairman of the American Longevity Association he is closely involved, primarily as a fund raiser, with the organization's medical programs. The Berle touch even invades the ALA sessions. At a recent conference in LA he told the story of the man who woke with a terrible pain and called his doctor, an acupuncturist. "Take two thumbtacks and call me in the morning," said the doctor. (Berle has lost none of his zeal for 1-line zingers.)

In the beginning, before Show of Shows, The Honeymooners and Lawrence Welk, there was the Texaco Star Theatre, and Uncle Miltie brought the nation to a halt every Tuesday night for eight years. Before Berle, the television biggies were Roller Derby, wrestling's Gorgeous George, Hopalong Cassidy and Howdy Doody for the kids. "I was Charlie Guinea Pig — I took the shot," he said proudly. A brave frontiersman, his pioneer spirit and irrepressible talents accomplished for early television what Al Jolson did for talking pictures. For this alone he deserves a front row seat in Comedy Heaven.

Reflecting on the subject of his television popularity in bygone days (1948-1956) Berle said: "Being one of the forerunners in the diaper stage of television I did everything. I wore five hats. I wrote, directed, lit the sets, led the band, and washed the windows. I wanted it perfect. I did 'live' every week, 39 weeks a year for seven years — no teleprompter, no cue cards, no laugh machines. The bell rang and we were on."

In 1948 when Berle took to the air there were 275,000 TV sets in use. At the end of his reign in 1956 there were 26 million. He chuckles as he quotes Joe E. Lewis: "Berle was responsible for the sale of more television sets than any man living. I know: I sold mine, my father sold his. . . ."

It was Berle's good fortune to be the right entertainer at the right time to initiate America's fascination with the tube. One of the most jolting revelations of his mercurial career was that the public would grow tired of a performer. "They can crave you, love you, worship you, then suck you dry and spit you out. I was the first to discover what others after me would learn."

"Would you do it all over again the same way?"

"I suppose so. I don't think there's anything more exciting than being in a business where it's challenge . . . challenge . . . challenge! Geez, I sound like Sugar Ray Leonard." Berle has the uncanny ability to turn obervations into jokes and into observations.

In his more youthful days it was said that his material had the advantage of having been tested by other comedians first. (Walter Winchell called him Milton Burglar). "Maybe so," Berle once admitted cheerfully, "but I don't really steal jokes, I just remember them better." Years later he topped that line with: "I just saved old jokes before they died."

How did he get his basic training as a comic? "Eye and ears. I worked, I learned and I listened." Of comedy in general he observed: "There are no old jokes, shtick or plots. Just older audiences. If you haven't seen it before, or heard it before, then it's new."

Berle came up the trouper's route, right out of a Harlem tenement into the hearts of America. born Milton Berlinger, July 12, 1908, second youngest of five children, he made his movie debut at the age of five in The Perils of Pauline (the first of 20 silent films), followed by Tillie's Punctured Romance with Charlie Chaplin in 1914. Guided by his fiercely devoted mother ("she made the stage mother in Gypsy look like Mary Poppins"), he progressed from juvenile song and dance acts to Broadway at 12, where he won his comedic vaudeville wings as MC, and then on to become vaudeville's Top Banana, headlining Earl Carroll's Vanities and the Ziegfeld Follies. More films, radio, night clubs, theatres and then rising to dizzy eminence in early television, where he proved that a TV set was something more than a piece of talking furniture. Not bad for a scrawny kid with a little greasepaint in his bloodstream and a few years of sitting in at the Professional Children's School in New York.

"What comical memory springs to mind, Milton, when you were a child star?" I asked. He reflected as he dipped into three-quarters of a century of total recall, and said: "I think me telling Mary Pickford how to work. The picture was Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm (1915). 'You're doing it all wrong, Mary,' I said. 'Oh, am I son, I didn't know that,' she said. I was brash, flippant, smart ass and all of 7 years of age."

"You'll notice," Berle confided, "I'm giving you all the facts, the depth of Milton. I'm making myself the patsy, which is the way it should be — you've got to tell the reader the truth."

"Do you feel you were hurt emotionally by being a family star and meal ticket so early in life?"

Sounding a more somber note, he replied: "Yes, later on I felt guilty that my mother gave all her time and effort to Milton, Milton, Milton the breadwinner. I think underneath all the love we felt for one another there was a degree of anger. You don't take on grown-up responsibilities while living inside a kid's body without paying a price. I missed my entire childhood. I was too busy fighting with the drummer for a rim shot."

"Regrets, you've had a few — what are they?"

He threw back his head and mused. "The big one was that my father missed my television fame. He died in 1938."

"How do you see your father?" I asked.

"My father became my mother and my mother became my father 'cause when I had to go on the road with my mother to do a show my father stayed home and took care of my three brothers and sister. Ironically he was on the board of directors of Ex-Lax, which his side of the family owned (German descent), and when he fell in love with my mother, her parents were from Russ-Poland and that was really downgrading for a German Jew, so they disinherited him. They busted him and he became a $14 a week paint salesman. Tomorrow was always his big day. He was like Willy Loman without being a cheater — it was the Death of a Salesman."

His mother, Sara (Berlinger) Berle, former department store detective, was Milton's self-elected agent, manager and public relations specialist. She travelled everywhere with Milton, and gave single-minded attention to her son's career. Until her death in 1954 she was always out front leading the laughter, and never missed a live performance.

There were to be many women in Berle's Don Juan life, from evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson, to Marilyn Monroe, but the woman who dominated his life until 1954 was Mama Berle ("I find I still can't eat cucumbers because they didn't agree with her").

He speaks affectionately of his third wife of 32 years, Ruth Cosgrove Berle. "She's the funniest woman living and doesn't mean to be funny at all. She's a cool one," Berle once said: "She can stop me with a glance, or the lack of a glance." He had two ill-starred marriages to blonde showgirl Joyce Matthews. The Berles have two children who have no yen to be in show business.

Asked to name his two greatest career thrills, he answered unhesitatingly: "The first big thrill was in May, 1949, I was the first comedian to be on the cover of Time and Newsweek in the same week. My second was being the first comedian to be inducted into TV's Hall of Fame . . . and now you see I'm in the prime of my senility."

"Is there anything that you haven't mastered and would like to, any new perspectives?"

He answered: "One of my great ambitions is to get a real good shot at playing a straight dramatic part and show that there is another side to Milton Berle."

"But," I said, "you proved that when you won an Academy Award nomination for your role in The Oscar and an Emmy nomination for your powerful performance in Doyle Against the House, 20 years ago."

"Zey hoben shoin fargesen! — they forget," he said. "It's all stock casting. Very few of the Hollywood hierarchy will go out on a limb." (As a matter of local interest he did a first-rate job in Off Your Rocker, a so-so Canadian movie filmed in Toronto six years ago, as did Lou Jacobi, Red Buttons and the late Paul Kligman).

Berle comments on the art of acting: "A young actor once said to Spencer Tracy, 'How does one become such a great actor like you?' And Tracy answered, 'Acting is the easiest thing in the world . . . just don't get caught doing it.' Then there was Brando's line. Someone asked Brando: 'What does it take to become a great actor?' and Brando said, 'Well it takes believability, honesty, sincerity and as soon as you learn to fake it you got it made.' "

Berle is a living archive of show business — a walking encyclopedia — the ultimate authority.

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I asked him: "What was the lowest point — your most hurtful rejection?" He shot back like a bullet: "The fifth race at Santa Anita 10 minutes ago." At one time he was a compulsive gambler, and his life was a succession of the proverbial fast women and slow horses. He reputedly lost $3 million over the years, "betting on horses that never ran as fast as my money did." He pulled into his memories for a classic tongue-in-cheek line. "Now I only gamble for laughs. Last year I laughed away my house . . . my automobile. . . ."

"You seem to have a joke for every situation. Do you have one for interviewers?"

"Hmmm, interviewers." He took a long thoughtful puff on his ever-present Monte Cristo No. 1 and said: "Interviewers are kibbitzers with typewriters." At this point in the already 2-hour long interview he looked at my sheets of seemingly endless questions and exclaimed: "What the hell have we got here — a telethon?"

He's the absolute master of the ad-lib. "One of my best ad-libs was when I had Charles Atlas on radio with me. I fed him a line and he went 'ah—uh—o—ah' and I turned to the studio audience and said: The strongest man in the world and he can't pick up a cue!" (Gags? He spouts them like a pom-pom gun.)

Berle continues to pursue his career with customary persistence. He became eager as he discussed several endeavors. "I'll be doing a TV special in September called Milton Berle: Second Time Around, to celebrate my 40th year in television. Then scheduled for syndication are the best of 156 hours of Texaco shows comprised of half-hour segments. He will host and add some narrative and then do an end wrap-up.

"When I play colleges and do seminars I bring with me a montage of these shows. The college kids laugh in exactly the same places as their parents did in the clips from 1950. Same spots. Funny is funny. Basically it's pure gold," he said. (A critic once said of the veteran vaudevilian: "Berle may never win a contest for humility but he is certainly a sincere egoist.")

Coming out in October is his third book called B.S. I Love You — a salute to the Friars Club. Then there's a CBS movie with Sid Caesar and Danny Thomas called Nothing's Impossible. (It's about the shmatte business.) And of course there are Vegas, Atlantic City and night clubs. He's extremely active in charity work. With a nice mix of pride and humor he said: "I've done so many benefits this past month — so far I've watched 50,000 Jews eat." He's also working on a 12-volume comedy encyclopedia to be called The Comedy Bible, which will be published within two years.

Public Energy No. 1 is a well-deserved title which he refuses to relinquish even as he nears his 80th year. His endless activity prompted his wife, Ruth, to comment: "I can't wait till Milton gets old."

As an avocation he writes songs, having had 400 published, including Sam You Made The Pants Too Long, Summer Love and Lucky, Lucky Me. Never one to neglect his ego or his accomplishments, Berle added: "Oh yes, and don't forget to mention my great standard, I'll Give A Million Tomorrows For Just One Yesterday."

The interview was now winding down and Milton insisted on driving me back to the hotel. As we approached the entrance a cacophony of shrieks were heard from a group of bystanders: "There's Milton Berle." "You see," I said, "they haven't forgotten you. They love you. You're still Mr. Television." He sighed wistfully and with genuine emotion said: "There has to be some compensation for working 74 years in the same bleep business."

Opinion

Weighty contribution to U.S. agriculture

Exhibit throws light on American Jewish farmer

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Farming isn't exactly a Jewish calling, at least not in the Diaspora. The kibbutzniks and moshavniks of Israel have been outstanding farmers, but Jews living outside the Jewish state have rarely worked the land. They have preferred crowded urban landscapes to wide open lonely spaces.

This has something to do with history (Jews were not permitted to be landowners in pre-enlightened societies), economics (agriculture is prone to many uncertainties beyond the control of mere mortals) and temperament (Jews like being among their own, near their friends and relatives, synagogues, institutions and specialty food shops).

Despite all these obstacles, Jews have taken up farming, particularly in the U.S., and have contributed mightily to American agriculture. Unfortunately, precious little is known about these pioneers of the soil. Recently, the American Jewish Archives, located in Cincinnati, tried to remedy that situation with a photographic exhibit entitled The American Jewish Farmer.

Its timing is propitious. Abraham Peck, the administrative director of the archives, explains: "The entire nation is aware of the great crisis in contemporary American farming. That crisis is accompanied by a small but violent anti-semitic wave which has disturbed both Jews and the majority of American farmers."

The exhibit, he says, was an important way of adding balance to the farmers' image of the American Jew. At best, farmers have had very little contact with Jews or Judaism.

A catalogue issued by the American Jewish Archives puts the history of American Jewish farmers into its proper perspective.

Tenacious striving and struggle

Jewish agriculture in America, writes Gertrude Dubrovsky, is a story of tenacious striving and struggle, of failure and success.

Jews pioneered poultry farming, making it an important branch of American agriculture, and they grew new strains of wheat and other grains. They developed vaccines against animal diseases and they built model fruit orchards, vineyards and vegetable farms.

In the 19th century, they established farm colonies to absorb Russian-Jewish immigrants coming to America. And while their efforts were not huge successes, they inspired later generations of immigrants to settle the land and create small farming colonies across the U.S.

Dubrovsky, who was raised on a farm, documents the various attempts by Jews to set up farm colonies.

The first known mention of such a colony came in 1783 when an anonymous letter to the President of the Continental Congress proposed settling 200 German Jews on the land. Dubrovsky doesn't say what became of the scheme.

In 1820, the American Society for Meliorating the Conditions of the Jews emerged. It was nothing but a front for missionaries bent on converting Jews to Christianity. Subsidiary goals of the society, as set out in its constitution, were to help Jews become "intelligent, respectable and useful" and to turn them from their "rapacious dispositions."

Eventually, two farms were created in Westchester County, New York, but they were abandoned by 1835. The society converted less than 50 Jews.

The first Jewish farm colony started in Alchua County, Florida, in 1820 under the direction of Moses Elias Levy. Fifty families settled there by 1832, but the lack of proper facilities spelled finis to it.

Hirsch gave much-needed boost to efforts

In 1837, 13 Jewish families attempted to build a colony in Warwarsing, NY, but they gave up after five years. With the West opening up, William Renau formed the Jewish Colonization Society in 1843 and bought land near Chicago. The few Jews who responded to his call combined farming with small business interests.

As the pace of Western settlement picked up, Dr. Sigmund Waterman presented a circular to B'nai B'rith urging the diversion of Jews into farming.

"The necessity to direct the attention of the Israelites of America to agriculture has long been felt," he wrote in 1855. "The exclusive pursuit of commerce... by our people is often used as reproach and it must be confessed with some good show of reason... A few trades have been entirely monopolized... the agriculturalist, however, is entirely wanting. It is on this account that we are looked upon as transitory inhabitants, having neither the desire nor the capacity to settle as permanent ctiizens."

B'nai B'rith was not impressed. Support for his venture was lacking and it sunk into oblivion.

Baron Maurice de Hirsch, the German philanthropist, gave Jewish farmers a much-needed shot in the arm. Convinced that farming would do Jews good, he established the Jewish Colonization Association. (Projects were also funded in Canada and Argentina.

Yiddish-speaking field agents fanned out across the country, visiting with the families in their homes and dispensing practical advice on everything from the control of lice to keeping records. Their presence eased the adjustment of the new settlers to rural America.

JCA farms arose in states like New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. Dubrovsky suggests that the New Jersey farms in particular (Toms River, Farmingdale, Lakewood, Freehold, Englishtown and Hightstown) thrived.

They turned poultry farming into a major branch of American agriculture, mechanizing the industry. New Jersey, she notes, became "the egg basket of America."

The Jews who settled these communities were of East European origin. They were followed by refugees fleeing Nazi Germany and later by American-born war veterans and Holocaust survivors.

The Adolph Blaine Family of Farmingdale, New Jersey, at a picnic on their farm, Carverville, Pennsylvania, 1910.

Baron Maurice de Hirsch

If Baron de Hirsch was one of the prime movers of the back-to-the-land movement, Herman Rosenthal did not lag very far behind.

Rosenthal (1843-1917) believed that Jews should be harnessed to the land so that they could be "productive." Like some Jews of his generation, he was of the opinion that business bred parasitism.

A Russian Jew, he arrived in America on behalf of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, and purchased 5,000 acres in Sicily Island, Louisiana, 400 miles upriver from New Orleans.

The farmers of Sicily Island did well for a while, but then succumbed to the harsh environment, not being able to deal with the heat, the social isolation, the ravages of disease and, finally, the flooding of the Mississippi River, which ruined their first crop.

Undaunted by this failure, Rosenthal and some of his colleagues raised funds for a new settlement, Crimea, in South Dakota. It wasn't long before Crimea failed as well.

Herman Rosenthal

Rosenthal played a role in the founding of New Odessa, a utopian colony in Oregon, whose leading spirit, William Frey, was a non-Jew and former czarist army officer. Here the classic Marxist tenet, "from everyone according to his ability, and to everyone according to his needs," was literally applied.

For two years, things went well in New Odessa. Subsequent ideological quarrels ensured its ultimate demise.

Towards the end of his life, Rosenthal tried to form colonies in Michigan, Arkansas and Colorado, but he did not succeed.

These failures did not discourage Rosenthal, and he continued to work for his cause. At one point, he even published a journal, Der Yidisher Farmer.

Despite his best efforts, Rosenthal failed to make farmers out of Jews. The farm movement among American Jews achieved only limited success.

Rosenthal himself ended up heading the Slavic department of the New York City Public Library — which is a long, long way from rural America.

CLAL bridge-builders stay with the smaller bridges

By
ELAINE KAHN

When my husband received an invitation to attend a conference last month meant to bring rabbis and Jewish scholars together to talk and learn peaceably across denominational lines, I determined to go also. After all, in this day and age it is not often one witnesses miracles.

Having disguised myself as a writer, I easily slipped past the program sponsor, CLAL (National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership), and into the Catskills lodge housing the event. (I also slipped, at that moment, into a time warp featuring my grandparents' old recording of "Why do They Fall in Fallsburg?," but that's another story). What followed were two days of such intense debate and study that it felt like 10 — it was great!

The basic ground rule was to learn about each other without name-calling or overt hostility, trying to break down at least some of the barriers that divide the Jewish world. Denominational affiliations were not listed in the registration kit beside participants' names and were almost impossible to detect during study sessions or at meals, because everyone mixed freely and well.

The denouement came during services. There were three. In keeping with the no-name brands aura of the moment, they were called "traditional," "traditional-egalitarian" and "liberal." And surely it was only coincidence that the traditional service had use of the hotel's real chapel, while the liberal service was stuck in something called the Matador room.

It was also probably just oversight that the women rabbis and academics present were not asked to speak on the panels for any of the plenary sessions but the one devoted to the issues of women's religious leadership.

Where I, as a woman, fit into clal yisrael was never far from mind those two days. There was something so wonderful and encouraging about people talking together without labels, a tremendous sense of togetherness and of seriousness about Judaism, and yet underneath it all, and not about to be spoken in that charmed atmosphere, was one huge question: Did all the rabbis and scholars present recognize each other equally, across denominational lines and regardless of sex?

Because the answer would have been "no," and would have destroyed the conference, I am almost glad the question could not be addressed. As it was, more tension and underlying hostility was released during and after the plenum on women than at any other time in two days. That nerve is too raw and the various gentlemen's agreements underlying the conference bent under pressure — something about women being, even under optimum conditions, fair game or, as several of the female speakers said, invisible.

When, for example, at the closing plenum, a large, very pregnant rabbi stood to ask a question, the rabbi responding referred to her as "he." Not out of any kind of malice — he simply, in some disturbing way, had not seen her.

One cannot help but admire the work CLAL does — there are after all, an awful lot of small bridges to build between an awful lot of people before CLAL will really have to grapple with the tough questions that were the conference's outer invisible limits.

But when one of those limits is, in some sense, oneself, it's harder to be a bridge builder.

Opinion

Aliya figures inadequate

Facts humiliate the Diaspora rather than Israel

By
J. B. SALSBERG

J. B. Salsberg

Forgive me, friends, if this column should, even momentarily, disturb your pleasant mid-summer mood. I don't wish to do that. But a number of facts and figures that caught my attention during the past few days have disturbed me. I agonized over them.

So let's face this peculiar dilemma, this crisis of conscience, this awareness of inconsistency that follows the reading of such "facts and figures."

But to better understand the cause of our dilemma it is necessary to recall the basic facts of post-Holocaust Jewish life.

The rebirth of Jewish statehood, after a lapse of nearly 2,000 years, would, under any circumstance, constitute the most stirring experience in Jewish history. Coming as that event did, after the Holocaust, after the loss of a third of our people, the birth of the State of Israel was not only the fulfilment of an age-old dream but also a mighty declaration of our people's determination to rise from the ashes and to renew our timeless national existence.

But the basic ingredient for the success of such a historic challenge is people and, let's face it, that basic human ingredient was inadequate.

Those who did come performed, despite wars, agricultural, industrial and scientific miracles. The dire need of a larger Jewish population in the reborn state was emphasized by every Israeli leader, from Ben-Gurion to the present heads of state. The World Zionist Organization has, mostly under pressure from Israel, placed aliya at the head of all immediate and long term programs. But to the discredit of all of us, the results are inadequate to say the least.

Who is to blame? Everybody shares the blame; the rank and file only a little less than the World Zionist leadership.

History may find that the post-Holocaust generations of Jews were, after all, only human, all too human. A generation of giants, despite our philanthropic excellence, we have not proven to be.

Like all other people we were governed by the natural preference for economic and social security. That priority governs all major waves of migration among all people of the world.

Should we have been different in larger numbers? Of course we should have! But, alas, we weren't. The Zionist priority of aliya remains more declaratory than real.

In the meantime sensitive Zionist (and non-Zionist) Jews who are wedded to the aims of a stronger, more spiritual, more safely-anchored Jewish state are often painfully conscious of their own inconsistencies.

As for those "leaders" who are totally insensitive to the hiatus between their words and deeds, they only breed cynicism in the ranks.

Nevertheless, one continues to be saddened by each new confrontation with facts and figures of a certain type that one comes across. For instance:

• 1) As reported in the Jerusalem Post, Israel's minister of immigrant absorption, Ya'acov Tsur, told a press conference that aliya is up by 35% so far in 1987. (35% of what?) Tsur then detailed the facts of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union so far this year. According to that information (and it is absolutely correct), 2,300 Jews left the Soviet Union between Jan. 1 and May 31 of this year. (To which I should add that each one of those 2,300 who left Russia did so because he held an Israeli visa in his hands!) Then, Tsur added: "About 25% of them came to Israel...and that's a lot!"

A disturbing fact? Of course it is. But how can any one of us who lives in a glass house in Canada, the U.S., Britain, France, etc. — how can any non-Israeli Jew criticize the 75% of Soviet Jews who changed their directions after reaching Vienna? One can't. And there is the rub — there is our dichotomy, our dilemma, our divided self...

• 2) Or, take this example of another shocking fact:

Der Yiddisher Kemfer, the official organ of the North American Labor Zionist movement, reports what it refers to as a "macabre theme." Here is is:

The Israeli consulate of New York City made available some migration figures. They show that in 1985, 76 Jews of Greater NY (out of about 2½ million Jews) made aliya to Israel; 774 went as "potential" olim *while 387 deceased New York Jews were transported for burial to the Holy Land in the same period!*

In 1986 the figures were 63 olim and 378 coffins. And for the first quarter of 1987? The figures are: 6 olim and 100 coffins...

It's enough to drive a person to despair or to "the bottle," no? But we must shun such impulsive urges. What is worse is that we cannot even mourn this ghastly fact in public. Would our Canadian statistics be different? I doubt it. Who is at fault? *We all are.*

My sensitive readers, I speak for most of you and I weep for our collective feelings of guilt. Sorry to do this in mid-summer, but the facts and figures only reached me now and I couldn't suppress them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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NAME GAME TOPS "POLL"

I would like to bring to your attention the result of a unique poll that we have taken for whatever it is worth to you or your readers.

We were altogether about 20 of us when the discussion turned to the question of who reads what column in The Canadian Jewish News that we all receive. Here is the result:

First (the most popular): The Name Game by Fred M. Catzman.

Second: The Jewish Quiz by Edmond Y. Lipsitz.

Third: Books by Bernard Baskin.

Paul Lungen and Cynthia Gasner are the two most-read reporters.

Would it not be interesting to have such a poll taken from your general readership?

Joe Klein
Toronto

Editor's note: A readership poll was conducted via our Toronto and Montreal editions in 1984 and we received 2,600 responses.

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SEEKS VAN PAASSEN BOOKLET

David Birkan's Diary of a People column is often read here and always with interest. The one dated June 11 intrigues me especially.

In discussing World War II military actions in the Middle East, the column referred to the work of Pierre van Paassen.

I am enormously pleased, because we are planning to issue a selection of van Paassen's writings. I am particularly interested in locating a pamphlet, printed and distributed by the late Supreme Court justice Louis Brandeis, of the chapter dealing with Palestine and Zionism, from van Paassen's *Days of Our Years* (1939).

Would anyone with a copy — 100,000 were printed — write me?

I am also looking for a journalist who knew van Paassen personally, and could write a preface for a collection of his works.

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AIDS TEST NOT SAFE

H. Max Seiden's June 18 letter in support of mandatory AIDS testing is made without scientific foundation or particular expertise.

Indeed, I did not see Mr. Seiden at the Third International AIDS conference in Washington in early June.

There was a strong consensus amongst the 7,000 conference participants (the world's experts) against mandatory testing in any form — and with good reason.

A negative test result does not rule out a recently acquired AIDS virus infection.

Current testing procedures for antibodies to the AIDS virus can give a negative result if the person has contracted the virus within the previous three months.

Sometimes the test can take six months to turn positive after infection. Furthermore, a negative result does not provide any guarantee that the person tested will in future engage in safe sexual practices.

A negative test result creates a dangerous illusion of safety for the sexual partners of those tested.

The AIDS epidemic will not be controlled by self-righteous expressions of morality nor reckless statements made by non-experts.

AIDS can only be controlled by responsible practices of sexually active persons and by compassion toward its victims.

Dr. Philip B. Berger
Toronto

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STEPHEN LEWIS LINE CUT

I have just seen the article in the May 14 issue reporting, among other things, on my speech to the Symposium on Soviet Jewry sponsored by the Parliamentary Committee on Soviet Jews and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The article reproduces part of a statement I quoted from UN Ambassador Stephen Lewis on the condition of Soviet Jews. Apparently as a result of a line dropped from the article, there has occurred an unfortunate distortion of Mr. Lewis' remarks.

As I stated in my speech, Mr. Lewis criticized "a systematic and methodical campaign to obliterate (Jewish) culture, language, and religious heritage" in the USSR.

D.R.T. Fraser
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Ottawa

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UKRAINIAN-JEWISH FRIENDSHIP

At the invitation of External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, I attended a luncheon in Ottawa on June 24 in honor of Ukrainian dissident Danylo Shumuk.

It will be well known to your readers that he spent decades in Soviet prisons because of his fight on human rights.

Dozens of Ukrainian community leaders and parliamentarians from all across Canada were present.

The many that I spoke to thought it symbolic and important that the day after Parliament introduced legislation to bring to justice Nazi war criminals in Canada, that I, as a Jew, would be in attendance at such an event.

I pointed out that whatever erroneous perceptions manifested during the Deschenes Commission hearings, there was, I hoped, a unity of purpose in arguing for the triumph of justice either in the Soviet Union or in Canada.

The violation of human rights anywhere is unacceptable to right-thinking Canadians. It may be timely to now reconcile the differences that divide the Ukrainian and Jewish communities in Canada.

Bert Raphael
Chairman
Canadian Lawyers and
Jurists for Soviet Jewry
Toronto

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Readers write that Pope John Paul II's recent meeting with Kurt Waldheim can be compared with the reception he once accorded to PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

POPE A PAL OF DEVILS?

I don't know what the big surprise is with regard to Kurt Waldheim's visit to meet the Pope, resulting in the tacit diplomatic approval of him now. But the Pope is very selective in who he chooses to associate with and accept.

He still does not recognize the State of Israel to be the spiritual home of the world's Jewish people. It's acceptable for the millions of Catholics to look at Rome as their spiritual mecca, but not okay for Jews to view Jerusalem in the same light.

Anyone who can deal with a devil — namely the embracement of none other than the PLO's Mr. Yasser Arafat — extends his goodness to the extreme. Who else but the Pope can be so wonderfully forgiving of his own potential murderer?

It has been said that much evil has been done in the world in the name of goodwill.

Janet R. Fine
Toronto

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POPE A CHEEK TURNER?

Just when Jews thought that things couldn't get any worse, they have. Once again the church has "turned the other cheek," and the Yidden are the losers.

Jews thought it was bad enough when the Pope met the Hitler of the Middle East, Yasser Arafat, a few years ago. The Pope "turned the other cheek" to learn more about the other side of the Middle East crisis.

Because of the meeting, some PLO members felt brazen enough to attack the Chief Rabbi's shul. One child died and the young mother suffered a heart attack from seeing her child's corpse.

The Pope, through his current meeting with Kurt Waldheim, has given him respectability. The political 3-piece suit will now cover his Brown Shirt image and lend credence to his claim that he was an innocent babe tied up in the Nazi machinery. No Jew will buy that.

No rabbi (American or Canadian) or Jewish leader should meet with the Pope when he comes to North America. The Pope must realize the Jews are no longer for sale (for political profit).

The Nazis couldn't trade us for tires. Now, we have a Jewish state (whether the Vatican recognizes us or not) and we won't be bought!

Jerry Snell
Providence, RI

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VIENNA'S POPE AVE?

During World War II, I was an interpreter attached to the 8th Army of General Montgomery during the battle of Monte Cassino in Italy.

During this time, I interviewed many Italian people who were against the Mussolini-Hitler regime. I was told that Pope Pius XII, Monsignore Paccelli, did nothing to stop the Nazis from building a concentration camp for Italian-born Jews.

Later, Hitler's regime honored Pope Pius XII by naming a street after him in Munich, Germany (Monsignore Paccelli Strasse).

Pope John Paul II (Jan Wojtula) received Kurt Waldheim, ex-Nazi officer, at the Vatican.

I am wondering if Kurt Waldheim is going to name a street in Vienna "Jan Wojtula Strasse?"

Gustav Dorovin
Toronto

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BRAVO BEN-YEHUDA

Re your June 25 article about the Canadian Jewish Congress "Shlichim Project":

We are indeed excited about the project and the benefits it can bring to small Ontario communities.

Just to set the record straight, it is important to note that this project was initiated jointly by the community services department of Canadian Jewish Congress and Simcha Ben-Yehuda of the WZO Torah and culture department.

Mr. Ben-Yehuda is coordinator of activities of the shlichim in Canada, and we very much welcome his help and encouragement in bringing this project to fruition.

Dr. Edmond Y. Lipsitz
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World-National

Jerusaelm-based activist group expresses frustration

Greater role advocated for former Refuseniks

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —
The missing link.

That's how Yuri Shtern views the role of the Jerusalem-based Soviet Jewry Education and Information Centre, an organization whose core members are all former Refuseniks and Soviet activists.

Shtern, its spokesman and an activist in Moscow before his emigration in 1981, was in Toronto to speak to Soviet Jewry activists.

He explained that though most Soviet Jewry groups encourage and seek recently released Refuseniks to talk about their experiences, it is often a one-shot deal — they are not invited back to address the issues of most concern to their brethren. In fact, he says, the Soviet Jewry movement and decision-making process was a campaign without the voice of the very people it most directly affected.

The frustration — "Soviet Jewry groups don't realize it's in their best interest to use released Soviet Jews' commitment to help" — led to the formation of the centre in 1983 and since then it has become "a home for Soviet Jewry activists from the Diaspora."

The centre, which has about 500 members, is trying to build the Soviet Jewish community in Israel — there are 270,000 Soviet Jews in the West of which 160,000 are in Israel — by inviting them to become active in taking the destiny of their family into their own hands.

"When Soviet Jews know that their own are working on their behalf, they know we understand them and that we won't forget them."

Shtern denies charges by some mainstream groups that his organization is irresponsible and militant.

"We came into existence to be voice of Soviet Jews. The majority are too frightened to speak out — its the minority who voice the majority's opinion and we take our direction from the activist mainstream in the Soviet Union," he said.

"We can't afford to be irresponsible or militant because our families there would pay the price. The people whom we're dealing with are our friends and families ... so we feel an enormous responsibility for our words and actions."

Shtern stressed that if there ever were a time for all Soviet Jewry groups to merge their effort, it is now.

"Soviet Jewry policy in the Soviet Union has not been established ... authorities are not sure what they will do about emigration. It is easier for us to influence them now than it will be later. Now activisim is a factor in deciding the total emigration figure," he said, adding that now is not the time to consider giving up concessions.

He said that the platform Soviet Jewry groups must unite on is: rescinding the Jan. 1 emigration decree; stopping the abuse of security reasons for exit denials; and normalizing Jewish exit to Israel is a must before Soviets are allowed to participate in Mideast normalization.

"We need to speak out against the new Gorbachev regulation which effectively kills emigration ... it's a death sentence to Jewish emigration," he said.

Shtern said that the decree further limits emigration by demanding an invitation from a first-degree relative (spouse, parent, children or sibling). As well, documents giving permission to emigrate now must be signed by siblings in additon to parents and children.

He explained that this year's higher emigration figures (2,300 in the first five months of the years compared to 914 in 1986) is simply the Soviets solving some humanitarian problems — "fixing their image. They're not being more humane — if they were, cancer patients would be allowed to get treatment elsewhere. They only want to see their dear ones before they die."

The Soviets desire to improve relations with the West, he said, stems from their desperate need for Western technology and trade. They recognize this need and are more willing to be pragmatic internally and externally in trying to achieve their goals.

Yuri Shtern (seated) is pictured with (left to right) Larry Grossman, leader of the Ontario Conservative Party, Genya Intrator, chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights, Val Simanovsky of B'nai B'rith's Russian-speaking Shalom Aleichem Lodge and Bill Attewell, chairman of the Parliamentary Group on Soviet Jewry.

"The Soviets are openly looking for a dialogue with the Jewish community and Israel that will help them achieve those goals in the Western markets. They realized these things before ... that their economic and technological base is too weak to be a superpower if they don't revitalize the economy and society. It's really a survival campaign for the Russian nation ... for the Soviet empire.

Shtern predicts that though the Jewish issues have to play a role, the extent to which Jews will be released will always be on a minimal needed level.

"If they can achieve those goals without releasing Jews, they'll do it. If they can sell expectations of a brighter future, they won't release people."

Shtern said that for Soviet Jewry and the State of Israel the issue of Jewish emigration is one of survival. There is a big difference between this national issue and humanitarian reunification which activists must also seek.

He stressed that activists must work hardest to help people in desperate need and those waiting the longest — the priorities given his organization by the Refuseniks.

In addition to working for their brethren still in the Soviet Union, the centre tries to help new Soviet emigrants adjust to life in Israel.

The centre, which is funded by memberships and donations from private institutions in Israel and abroad, sponsors a resource library of Soviet Jewish materials for use by students and educators and public lectures and educational events. Phone calls to the Soviet Union are the major source of its information.

Kurt Waldheim may visit W. Germany

VIENNA —
Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, barred from the U.S. for suspected links to wartime Nazi atrocities, has reportedly been invited to a "neighborly meeting" with West Germany's president.

Austrian Foreign Minister Alois Mock said the meeting was suggested by West German President Richard von Weizsaecker.

Though it would not rank as a state visit, the invitation is the first extended to Waldheim by a Western head of state to have been made public.

Theodore Mann, president of the American Jewish Congress, said that the decision appears to be a reversal of Von Weizsaecker's own "past words and deeds."

Mann said that in the past the West German president "has demonstrated a sensitivity and compassion for the victims of the Holocaust that is perhaps unmatched among leaders of nations."

In another development, Soviet Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov met Waldheim and promised new Soviet orders for Austrian industry as officials signed several bilateral agreements.

Ryzhkov is the first foreign head of government that Waldheim has received in Vienna since taking office a year ago amid allegations that he committed atrocities while serving in the German army during World War II.

Extremist denies obstructing justice

Larouche facing criminal charges

By
UPI & STAFF

BOSTON —
Political extremist Lyndon LaRouche last week was indicted in a Boston court for conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Shortly after his arraignment, LaRouche claimed the National Security Council helped create the case against him because he opposes aid for the Nicaraguan Contras. Earlier, he was reported to have blamed the Democratic National Committee for the justice department probe and indictment, saying it wanted the government to create obstacles to spoil his bid for the party's 1988 presidential nomination.

LaRouche, 64, said the case against him was fabricated to torpedo his campaign but actually may have helped him earn name recognition.

"The NSC...was running an operation against us, an operation which in part led to the indictment against me," LaRouche said at a news conference held one day after his arraignment.

LaRouche is charged with attempting to foil an investigation of alleged credit card fraud by his associates during his 1984 presidential campaign. He denied campaign workers were told to leave Boston in order to hamper the investigation into a credit card fraud scheme involving unauthorized charges.

LaRouche said he often solicited funds from the same people being asked to help the Contras by Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North, the former NSC aide who testified before a Congressional committee investigating the Iran-Contra affair.

LaRouche said the NSC was "out to sabotage" him because he opposed aid to the Contras, who he accused of drug smuggling.

The NSC scheme could backfire, he added: "I'm now the best-recognized Democratic candidate and I might be president," he said: "The American people want someone to take this government on and change it."

LaRouche's supporters took out a $17,000 newspaper ad in the Boston Globe accusing the government of harassing the political extremist by bringing the conspiracy charges against him.

LaRouche was released on $20,000 cash bond posted by an 82-year-old man he purportedly met only hours before his arraignment but who had been a supporter for four years.

The charge against LaRouche is the first instance in which he has been implicated in the federal government's investigation of the LaRouche organization.

LaRouche, a perennial presidential candidate whose politics have hopscotched from the extreme left to the extreme right, was charged as part of a 125-count indictment. He is accused of trying to "spike, stymie, block and stall" a federal grand jury's probe of an alleged $1 million fraudulent credit card operation from his headquarters in Virginia.

Prosecutors said the money obtained through the scheme was used to bankroll LaRouche's presidential campaign in 1984, his third try for the White House.

In Toronto, Alan Shefman, national executive director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada, said "we urge the authorities to investigate" the activities of Canadian organizations linked with LaRouche. He said that while the Canadian activity is small, police have received complaints that LaRouche front organizations have "added zeros" to credit card charges used to purchase magazine subscriptions at Canadian airports.

Larouche's beliefs do not slip easily into any political category. In his view, Queen Elizabeth is the centre of a global drug ring. Israel is part of that ring and is linked to the royal family in controlling the world drug trade.

Larouche has adopted elements of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a czarist secret police forgery, but amends it by saying only B'nai B'rith is involved in a worldwide conspiracy. LaRouche believes Adolf Hitler was put in power by a cabal of Jewish financiers and he has adopted the Holocaust-denial lie.

Meanwhile, an elderly Florida widow is suing a corporation backed by LaRouche to reclaim a $5,000 loan she thought would benefit the Republican Party.

Ruth Rice, 83, said she made the loan to Caucus Distributors Inc., thinking the solicitation was for the GOP.

"I would have never given them a penny if I knew who they were," Rice said. "It was just the way they talked. I thought they were Republicans. We've been Republicans all our lives, and we generally do help when they call."

Caucus Distributors was one of two corporations named in the 125-count indictment, along with Larouche, 12 other individuals, two campaign committees and an association.

Rice filed her suit for return of the money, which she said was to have been repaid with 10% interest by last Jan. 14. She has received no money.

The widow's first contact with Caucus Distributors came in July 1985 via a telephone call from a man soliciting financial assistance. The man told Rice the group "wanted my vote" and she said she was told the money would be repaid with interest even though she did not sign a note or a contract for the loan.

On May 20, 1986, Rice received two letters from Caucus. One confirmed the $5,000 check had been received. The second explained why she had not been repaid and asked the loan be forgiven or terms of payment be extended so "we can continue the important and essential work we are doing."

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

(1) What people destroyed the First Temple?

(2) What people destroyed the Second Temple?

(3) Which Persian monarch allowed the exiled Jews to return to their homeland?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

(1) Babylonians.

(2) Romans.

(3) Cyrus.

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These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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Jerusalem downplays significance of visit

Soviet consular delegation arrives in Israel

JERUSALEM (UPI) — A Soviet delegation slipped quietly into Israel Sunday night on the first official Soviet visit to the country in 20 years.

The foreign ministry said the Soviet officials are in Tel Aviv working through the embassy of Finland, which has represented Soviet interests in Israel since the kremlin broke diplomatic relations in solidarity with the Arabs during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

At the Finnish embaassy, a secretary contacted by telephone declined comment on the Soviets' arrival.

An Israeli foreign ministry spokesman tried to play down the significance of the visit, saying the Soviets "came as part of the Finnish embassy with Soviet diplomatic passports and they got their visas a long time ago.

"If they want to come here and visit here, they are most welcome," the spokesman said. "It is still only a consular delegation. It is not the arrival of the Messiah."

Israel's state radio said the Soviet delegation — ostensibly in Israel to inspect Soviet-owned property — arrived from Vienna on the same commercial flight carrying Yuli Edelshtein, a Soviet Jewish dissident recently freed by Moscow.

A foreign ministry spokesman said about 10 officials are in the group, which had not yet officially contacted the Israeli government as the CJN went to press.

The Israeli government announced on June 18 that visas had been issued for a Soviet consular delegation in a move some diplomatic analysts speculated could lead to a change in Soviet-Israeli relations and an enhanced role for Moscow in the Middle East peace process.

While the stated purpose of the trip was to inspect Russian Orthodox Church holdings and help Soviet passport holders working for the church, some Israeli sources have expressed hope the visit could turn into an overture for improved relations.

One official said the Soviets are expected to stay in Israel for the full 90 days allowed on their visas. Reports in the Israeli news media have said the Soviets are interested in lining up short-term housing instead of staying in hotels.

In their only open meeting since the 1967 Six Day War, Soviet and Israeli delegations met last August in the Finnish capital of Helsinki. But their scheduled 2-day talks broke up after 90 minutes because the Soviets balked at Israeli pressure for greater Soviet Jewish emigration.

Israel has insisted increased emigration of Soviet Jews is one condition of restoring full diplomatic relations between the two countries. According to the Soviet Jewish emigrant community in Israel, some 400,000 Jews have been prevented from leaving the Soviet Union.

Efforts to arrange a Soviet visit to Israel — under way for at least a year — have been hampered by Moscow's refusal to allow a reciprocal visit to the Soviet Union.

Just before Israel issued the visas last month, Soviet foreign ministry spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov said an Israeli visit is "out of the question" because Israel "has no property and we have no Israeli citizens permanently residing in our country."

An unofficial delegation of Israelis from moderate and leftist political parties recently visited the Soviet Union at Moscow's invitation. But Israeli officials said the visit was not significant because Israeli scientists, authors, lecturers and others routinely travel to the Soviet Union.

The kremlin has said full diplomatic ties cannot be restored until Israel withdraws from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, part of the Arab territory it seized in 1967.

But Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, as part of his efforts to convene an international peace conference on the Middle East, has changed Moscow's wording recently to say ties could be restored "in the mainstream of the process of settlement."

Demjanjuk kin program goes on without host

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A lack of preparation time and concern that only one side of the controversial John Demjanjuk issue would be addressed prevented the regular host of a public affairs television show from participating in last week's program.

Bonnie Gross, host of *Ethnicity* on Rogers Cable 10 for the past four years, told The CJN she needed more time than usual to research the issues and prepare for an interview with Edward Nishnic, Demjanjuk's son-in-law.

Demjanjuk, a retired Cleveland auto worker, is on trial in Israel for crimes against humanity. He is charged with being Ivan the Terrible, a guard at the Treblinka death camp who ran the diesel machinery in the gas chambers and who sent thousands of Jews to their deaths.

Nishnic has toured the country raising money for his father-in-law's defence fund and has repeatedly argued Demjanjuk's innocence. Demjanjuk claims he is the victim of mistaken identity.

Gross said her first reaction when learning of the proposed interview was to do the show. However when she read the research material she noticed it was one-sided and tended to exculpate Demjanjuk.

Though she doesn't shy away from controversial topics, she said she was "concerned" only one side of the issue would be aired and that to be fair, both sides of this issue, as in other controversial issues, should be addressed.

"I felt that in the time I had I couldn't research the topic fully to present an accurate picture on both sides. The research I was given only presented one side," she said.

Gross said she believes the background material was provided by Nishnic's publicity agent.

The program aired on schedule with a substitute host.

Gross said she expected to continue as host of upcoming *Ethnicity* programs, but she couldn't say whether future shows will present a different view of the Demjanjuk case.

Madeline Ziniak, producer of the show, said the program is accessible to others in the community who might wish to present a different view on the issue.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Suspected war criminal John Demjanjuk has fired his chief defence lawyer, American attorney Mark O'Connor. O'Connor said he would appeal the firing at a special court session on grounds that his client may not have been aware of the consequences of the dismissal he signed on June 30.

The trial, which opened in Jerusalem district court last February, is presently recessed. It is scheduled to resume at the end of July to hear the case for the defence.

There has been tension and open disagreement between O'Connor and the other two members of the defence team, one an Israeli, the other an American. The Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk is accused of being the Treblinka death camp known as Ivan the Terrible. The defence claims he is a victim of mistaken identity.

Aussie boycotts Waldheim

By VIC ALHADEFF and staff

SYDNEY —

Australia's ambassador to Jordan was given explicit instructions to boycott all functions for visiting Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, a spokesman for the department of foreign affairs in Canberra disclosed recently.

The Australian and American ambassadors both boycotted the banquet and reception ceremony hosted by Jordanian leaders for Waldheim which were attended by a large number of Western envoys, including those from Britain, France, West Germany and Italy.

Canada's ambassador to Jordan attended the state dinner held in Waldheim's honor, according to Denys Tessier, a spokesman for Canada's external affairs department. He said it was "normal" and "routine" for accredited ambassadors to attend dinners for visiting heads of state.

Soldiers in territories to protect Jews, Arabs

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tionism has been manifested endlessly and repeatedly, most recently in Yasser Arafat's break with Jordan's King Hussein over the issue of accepting UN Security Council Resolution 242."

Israel's soldiers patrol the territories not out of choice, but because to this day no responsible Arab force for peace, aside from Egypt, has emerged to speak out and act, Naim said.

The soldiers are there to protect the lives and safety of Jews and Arabs alike, and they are inevitably forced to defend themselves "when attacked by mobs throwing stones and Molotov cocktails, shouting 'Death to Israel' — the acts and slogans of the PLO and of the Arab rejectionists of peace," he added.

"Occasionally, the soldiers may overreact, but NBC's approach was to attribute it to brutality rather than to the self-defensive fear and frustration which it actually is," Naim said.

He said that while the producers of the program noted the existence of a peace movement containing Israelis who criticize their government's policies, "NBC apparently lacked the journalistic objectivity" to mention that no equivalent movement exists among the Palestinian Arabs.

"They do not openly criticize the PLO's belligerency and barbarous acts of murder; they have made no outspoken call for the Arab world to change its policy and make peace with Israel."

The program spoke of the Palestinian Arab demand for self-determination without taking account of the fact that those who commit terror and engage in acts of violence against Israel in the name of self-determination in reality aim at the liquidation of Israel, Naim said.

"It was unfortunate that NBC did not see fit to mention even a word about the extraordinary enhancement of life for the Palestinian Arabs in the 20 years of Israel's presence there, especially when contrasted with the degraded conditions of life during the 19 years of Jordanian occupation there," he stated.

Even more striking, Naim said, was that not even a whisper was made of Israel's systematic peace efforts since 1967, of such de facto arrangements as the open bridges policy with Jordan or of such great milestones toward peace as the Camp David Accords and the peace treaty with Egypt, which address the needs of the Palestinian Arabs.

"Had the Palestinian Arabs joined the Camp David Accords, they would have been able to democratically elect representatives to discuss and resolve, with Israel and Jordan, the future status of Judea-Samaria. Instead, they arbitrarily rejected the accords and isolated Egypt."

Israel continues energetically to pursue the dream of peace, because the people of Israel desperately need and want peace, Naim said. The debates within Israel are not about the dream of peace, but about the best ways of achieving a lasting peace, he added.

"All Israelis agree that a true peace must guarantee Israel's security and the safety of its citizens. No Israeli wants a peace that would disintegrate or that would mask a continuing attempt by Arab rejectionists to regroup their forces for further assaults upon Israel."

The documentary was "a disservice to peace and to truthful journalism as well," Naim said. "NBC owes its viewers an authentic effort at balance, sobriety, and a respect for the truth."

Religious plan to press on

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Meridor, voted against the pardon bill.

Shrugging off their setback in the Knesset, the religious parties have decided to press on with their battle against non-Orthodox conversions by tabling yet another version of the Who is a Jew bill — this time in the form of an amendment to the Rabbinical Courts Adjudication Law.

If that proposal fails to pass its preliminary reading, Shas is expected to join the right-wing Tehiya Party in threatening to back Labor's drive for early elections.

However, members of the Likud, Tehiya and the religious parties have said privately during the past few days that Prime Minister Shamir will foil the move for early elections by setting up a narrow coalition.

Recent calculations show that a Likud government without the alignment could enjoy the support of 61 Knesset members, excluding Meir Kahane.

Moran recovers

LONDON (JTA) — Moran Kadosh, a 4-year-old Israeli girl flown to England for a liver transplant in April, flew home last week after recovering from the operation which saved her life.

Moran's case hit the headlines when passengers on the El Al jet bringing her to Britain spontaneously donated thousands of dollars to help her parents meet the cost of her treatment.

Before leaving London, Moran's mother paid tribute to the doctors and nurses at the Rodenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, and the generosity of the passengers who had accompanied them to Britain.

"She looks so well, just like a normal little girl," said Mrs. Kadosh.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

OUR NEW ADDRESS

A reminder that our new address is 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont., M3C 3A1. The phone number is 422-2331.

WE ARE GOING ON VACATION

As you know, the CJN staff is going on vacation the last two weeks in July which means we will not be publishing the issues of July 30 and Aug. 6.

The first issue after vacation will be Aug. 13. The deadline for the What's New and About People columns for that issue is Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 5 p.m. I will be at my desk all that day to receive your calls.

Sunday, July 19

CARILLON RECITAL

The University of Toronto Soldiers' Tower carillon summer recitals continue on Sunday, July 19, with U of T carillonneur **Sydney Shep**.

The time is 7.30-8.30 p.m. and the best places to listen are on the lawn in front of Hart House, on the back campus or in the quadrangles of Hart House and University College. Concerts are free and open to the public.

Monday, July 20

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Willowdale presents The Art of Breastfeeding, the third in a series of four monthly meetings. Discussion will focus on proper positioning of the baby, overcoming breastfeeding difficulties and adjusting to the role of a new mother

The meeting is open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information on and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome. It takes place at 8.15 p.m. at 26 Riviera Dr., Thornhill (Dufferin north of Steeles). For further information, phone **Adrianne** at 738-8268 or **Ruth** at 736-1758.

And What Else Is New...

ONTARIO GAMES

Over 5,000 people are expected to attend the 12th year of the Ontario Games for the Physically Disabled, July 16-19. This year's theme is Watch Us Now. The games will be held at four locations: North York Civic Stadium, 5720 Bathurst St. (track and field); Northview Heights Secondary School, 550 Finch Ave. W. (weightlifting, powerlifting, table tennis and boccia); The Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre, 5100 Yonge St., behind City Hall (swimming); and The Canadian Forces Base Toronto, Downsview (cycling).

Admission is free. For further information, call Ontario Games headquarters at 739-1987.

HEALTH INFORMATION DISPLAY

Touted as the world's largest health information display by organizer **Sonee Cohen**, president of International Health Information Service, the health fair set up at Westwood Mall until July 19 represents several health organizations.

The fair offers health testing such as eye and blood pressure and lots of literature. And the diabetes booth even has a diabetic dog named Pepe on hand, proving that even dogs can have diabetes.

The show is open during regular mall hours until 9.30 p.m. daily, including Sunday, the 19th. The mall is located at 7205 Goreway Dr., Malton.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN

If you enjoy working with children 6 to 9-years-old, and are 16 years of age or older, then you will want to work at one of the North York YMCA's First Base Day Care Centres.

The centres are at various locations in North York and operate 7.30-9 a.m. and 3.30-6 p.m. Monday to Friday. Salary ranges from $4.50-$5.50 per hour.

If you wish to work one or both of these times and wish to avoid the disappointment of not being able to work with children in a creative and friendly setting, contact **Rona Kaushansky**, child care manager, at North York YMCA, 567 Sheppard Ave. E., North York, Ont., M2K 1B2, or phone 225-7773.

SHAAREH HAIM HEBREW SCHOOL

Shaareh Haim Hebrew School in Richmond Hill is accepting registration for classes to be held at Roselawn Public School, Carrville Rd., beginning in September. Space is available for children from junior kindergarten to grade 8. To be eligible for junior kindergarten, a child must have been born in 1983.

Shaareh Haim Hebrew School is a supplementary Hebrew school affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education. All the teachers are certified in Hebrew and Jewish studies.

For further information, call 884-8400 or 884-3353.

LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

During July and August, all branches of the North York Public Library will close at 6 p.m. on Fridays.

The early closing hours will apply to Fridays through to Aug. 28. Branches will return to normal closing hours on Friday, Sept. 4.

THE HERITAGE OF CHILDREN

Are you being denied access to your grandchildren? Children have a right to know their heritage, say the members of a group called The Heritage of Children, who are working to ensure grandparents' access to grandchildren.

For information about this group, contact **Abraham Silver** or **Sylvia Lusher** at (416) 656-5408.

BAYCREST TOURS

Hundreds of people from around the world visit Baycrest Centre. Included in this number are many professional groups.

Hospital administrators from Japan and Australia toured the centre in June and 10 doctors from Beijing, are expected in July.

Tours are also provided for staff, students and the general public and are conducted by volunteer guides. To arrange a tour, call **Pat Dickinson** at 785-2432.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

The North York Harvest Food Bank collects, sorts and distributes non-perishable food to suburban agencies and religious organizations with emergency programs.

The office, reception area, sorting area, warehouse and distribution service must all be staffed by volunteers. Help this facility continue to serve an urgent need in the community. Call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

ALUMA, CANADIAN ISRAELI CLUB

Aluma, the Canadian Israeli Club, has arranged a trip to Muskoka on Sunday, July 19, which also includes a cruise. The $15 cost covers transportation and the cruise.

For details, contact **Aharon** at 226-9208 or **Ephraim** at 631-7546.

Then on Tuesday, July 21, there's a sing-a-long at 7.30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, Fireside Lounge, 55 Ameer Ave. For information about this event, call Ephraim.

TOY LIBRARY

Central Eglinton Community Centre's The Third Floor announces that the toy library will be open during the summer on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A year-long membership of $8 will entitle your child to borrow one toy or two puzzles for a 2-week period. There is also a selection of books for both parents and children to choose from.

Come and check out the new toys that have been added. The address is 555 Mt. Pleasant Rd. The phone number is 487-4096.

VOLUNTEER DROP-IN CENTRE

A volunteer drop-in centre specializing in playroom and teenage programs as well as adult physical fitness is looking for volunteers to serve as arts/crafts assistants and recreational and social aides.

For further information, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

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The Summer Fun program for 5 to 10-year-olds is in full swing at the Bloor Y. Spaces are still available in the third session which runs July 27-Aug. 7. Call 924-6211 to sign your child up for a caring, warm summer.

Singles Discovering Toronto is off to the races on Sunday, July 19. The group is meeting at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) at 1 p.m. So, do join in. Bet you'll have a great time! Call 924-6211 to reserve a place.

Play tennis and dance in the relaxed country club atmosphere of the Valley at the tennis round robin and dance the JCC North-East Valley Singles Network is arranging on Sunday, July 19. Tennis begins at 7 p.m. (bring your own equipment including tennis balls) then at 9 p.m. dance to the music of a dynamic deejay, nibble on noshies and enjoy a fun evening. If tennis doesn't appeal to you, just come to the dance. The cost for tennis and dance is $5 members with cards, $7 non-members. The cost for the dance only is $4 members with cards, $6 non-members. For information, call **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley office at 889-0813. The Valley is located at 7015 Leslie St.

for seniors

The Workmen's Circle Social Club meets on Tuesday, July 21, for lunch and entertainment at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Non-members are welcome. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program, a non-sectarian, free, supportive service for women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets every second Sunday from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator of the group is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 19. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Widows 70 and Over Program at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., meets every second Monday from 1.30-3 p.m. in the conference room. The next meeting is July 20. The coordinator is **Micky Zimmerman**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The LZA Seniors Club meets daily from noon

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BB NAGILLAH

Many singles over 40 have formed a new bonds in their life with their membership in B'nai B'rith Women of Canada's Nagillah Chapter which was launched 2½ years ago. Chapter meetings are held bi-monthly in addition to a variety of activities throughout the year. From left are Donna Weinrauch, summer program chairman; Molly Kagan, president, and Beverley Burdeyney, exercise leader. For information about the chapter, call Molly Kagan at 638-6780 or Donna Weinrauch at 667-8047.

ASI SUPPORTER

At a recent luncheon by the Association for the Soldiers of Israel, honoring organizations and other supporters in the Toronto community, Fay Lichtblau was presented with a certificate in recognition of her efforts on behalf of the Soldiers of Israel by Gordon Mendly (left), chairman for organizations and groups. With them is Al Resnick, Association board member, who was master of ceremonies.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Mania and Harry Ross recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a family party at the home of their son and daughter-in law, Tzvi and Shirley Ross, along with sons Milton and Lou and his wife Merle, their six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

SCROLLS FIND NEW HOME

Dr. Jack Yazer (left) of Sydney, NS, and a student at Boys Town Jerusalem carry Agudath Achim's two Torah scrolls to a waiting ark. They were presented to the school by former members of the Sherbrooke, Que., congregation which dissolved recently after 65 years.

NA'AMAT PIONEER WOMEN PRESIDENT

Louise Cornblum (centre) is installed as Toronto president of Na'amat Pioneer Women by Marilyn Myers, a past Toronto president at the organization's annual tribute evening. Guest speaker Col. Ruchama Hermon looks on. [Graphic Artists photo]

Organizations and People

What's New

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to 4 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., where members enjoy an afternoon of cards, chess and shuffleboard. Light lunches are available...Every Tuesday morning at 10, the Cultural Circle discusses a topic of current interest...Registration has started for the Miami trip. The first registration took place Wednesday, July 15. The next one is set for Wednesday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Borochov Centre. For information, call 633-5841 or 982-2059.

On Tuesday, July 21, at 2 p.m., you are invited to come to the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) to see a new play, We're All in the Same Boat. Admission is $4. If you are interested in attending all three events in the summer seniors series, admission is $8 for all three. Call 924-6211 and have a pamphlet sent to you.

At the recent election meeting of **Upper Canada Friendship Club**, 4266 Bathurst St., (B'nai B'rith building) **Rae Fergus** was elected president for the coming term with **Min Sugar**, 1st vice-president; **Anne Soren**, 2nd vice-president; **Meyer Collins**, treasurer, and **Dora Posluns**, the immediate past president, as secretary. The club coordinator **Wilf Fogel** chaired the meeting assisted by the BB lodge president **Ben Sands** and his wife **Ruth**.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club has arranged a trip for members only to Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake on Tuesday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is $9.75 and includes a tour of Bright's Wines, botanical gardens and a light lunch...Also for information about the Catskills trip Aug. 17-21 (for members only), call the office...Ongoing activities include Saturday night dancing, bridge, mah jong, rummycube, fitness, dancersize, woodworking and ballroom dancing (Wednesday evenings)...The next dance with a live band is set for Sunday, July 26, at Earl Bales Community Centre. Charge is $3 members, $4 non-members. Refreshments will be available.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club has planned two trips to Artpark, Lewiston, NY, in August — on Wednesday, Aug. 12, to see the musical Annie Get Your Gun and on Wednesday, Aug. 26, for the ever-popular My Fair Lady. The bus leaves 9.30 a.m. from Shaarei Shomayim both days. Early reservations are in order for each show. Call **Lena Sugar** at 785-5773 or **Ruth Eknowitz** at 224-5923...Bookings for the Israeli Trip With a Difference, Nov. 4-25, are being quickly filled. Call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880 or **Lena Sugar** at 785-5773.

JCC North-East Valley Club Chaverim, 7015 Leslie St., has meetings every Monday afternoon from 1-3 (excluding holidays). Come out and join this congenial group for bingo, games, movies, speakers and entertainment. For more information, call **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley office at 889-0813.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., the Sunday, July 19, program features **George and Peggy Linton** in a sing-a-long with guitarist. The time is 2-3 p.m. in the Assembly Room...The Tuesday evening program on July 21 presents the Tara Mari Showcase from 7.30-8.30 in the Assembly Room.

The North York Senior Walkers are hiking the trails of Toronto this summer. This Sunday morning program was organized by members of the Wagman Centre and is sponsored by a $6,000 grant from the New Horizons program of the ministry of health and welfare. Upcoming July outings include West Dean Park on the 19th and Alexander Muir and Sherwood Parks on the 26th. Any North Yorker who is 55 or over can inquire by calling 241-2932 or 635-5837.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Communicating with (Grand)Children Through Literature is the topic of the Thursday seminar on July 16 at 1.30 p.m. Guest speaker is **Michelle McGowen**. The seminar is open to the public. There is no charge for members. Non-members are charged $1.

Two interesting trips are scheduled for this month — a Thousand Islands Showboat cruise to Kingston on Tuesday, July 21, leaving the centre at 8 a.m., and a visit to Orillia for a cruise and theatre on July 30, leaving at 8.45 a.m. The cost for each trip is $19 (bring your own lunch). For information, contact **Barbara Zigler** at the centre.

Dance to the lively music of the Creative Band on Sunday, July 19, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. Admission is $2 members, $2.50 non-members.

The Wednesday afternoon social on July 22 features **Paul Mathew** and **Fern Dworkin** in a real fun afternoon. The time is 1.30 p.m. and the charge is $1.25 members, $1.75 non-members. Refreshments will be served.

About People

LONDON RABBI ROASTED

Rabbi Howard Hoffman of London, Ont., was "toasted, roasted and boasted" by some 250 well-wishers on the occasion of his 10th anniversary as spiritual leader of Or Shalom Synagogue, reported participant **Dvorah Elias**.

Kudos for the rabbi's scholarship, patience, erudition and teaching ability were extended by **Rev. Bruce Small,** an Interfaith Dialogue partner; **Rev. Don Irvine** of Huron College, where Rabbi Hoffman has been teaching a course in Judaism for the past six years, and former student **Diane Katz**, who credited him with inspiring her to further studies.

Other participants in London's "only kosher roast" included **Janice Burden; Marla, Sari and Mitchell Stone; Kay Dubitsky; Ellen Rosen; Hirsh Keidan; Stella Leff; Shelley Siskind; Ralph Brooke; Shel Krakofsky; Gail Golden**; master of ceremonies **John Stoffman**; evening coordinator **Sharon Glickman**, and the rabbi's wife, **Elaine.**

NCSY GOES TO HOUSTON

A delegation of 20 NCSYs (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) from Toronto joined hundreds of participants from throughout North America at the recent national NCSY convention in Houston. The theme for the weekend was Torah in the Hands of Humanity.

Of the many awards given out for special achievements, Torontonian **Jonathan Jacob** was the recipient of the National Torah Achievement Award and **Devorah Krasman**, also of Toronto, was presented with the Rabbi Areh Kaplan Memorial Torah Scholarship Award. Also, **Rabbi Nosson Westreich** received, on behalf of the Greater Canada Region, the National Standards Award for Pioneer Region.

On the convention staff were two former Toronto rabbis — **Rabbi Meyer Burglas** and **Rabbi Moshe Bomzer** (currently of Albany, NY).

A SECOND 2-YEAR TERM

At the recent elections of Steeles College Memorial Chapel, **Harvey Lister** was re-elected president for another 2-year term along with **Gordon Donsky**, 1st vice-president; **Emanuel Don**, 2nd vice-president; **Mike Rogow**, secretary-treasurer, and **Marvin Lister**, secretary.

The 11-member management board was also re-elected for another two years.

RAFFLE DINNER

Netivot Hatorah Day School founding sponsors (from left) Lily and Eugene Sandorfy and Myra and David Merkur were honored at the school's 2nd annual Raffle Dinner recently.

USDS PRESIDENT RETIRES

Retiring president of the board of United Synagogue Day School Harvey Joseph receives a plaque honoring his years of service from newly elected president Shirley Worth at the recent annual meeting.

ORTIQUE FANTASY

Marilyn Somers (left), president of Toronto Women's ORT, congratulates Sally Waldman, chairman of ORTique Fantasy held recently at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. This project will become an annual event on the Toronto Women's ORT calendar. [Michael Markowich photo]

TOP ADMINISTRATOR

Education director of United Hebrew Day Schools Aaron Nussbaum (centre), who as chairman of the Association of Jewish Day Schools Administrators 1985-87, hands over the gavel to incoming chairman Arthur Tannenbaum, executive vice-president of Associated Hebrew Day Schools. Looking on is the Association's secretary-treasurer Bernard Shoub, director of school finances, Toronto Board of Jewish Education. [Graphic Artists photo]

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. For information on rates and deadlines please call Karen at 422-2528.

By Membership Party Only. For Professionals and University Grads. Saturday, July 18th. The Adelaide Club. For membership information call: **High Society** 783-8520.

Beth Tikvah "Chai" Singles Group (35 and over) announces the event of the summer season: on Sunday, August 16, join us on a trip by air-conditioned bus to ARTPARK, in Lewiston, New York, to see Irving Berlin's musical "Annie Get Your Gun"! We'll spend a beautiful day on the premises, having lunch in the surroundings of Artpark, then we'll travel to Victoria Park Restaurant, in Niagara Falls, for a superb dinner in view of the Falls. Prices for this unique outing (taxes and gratuities included) are: $45 for members and $50 for visitors. For more details and reservations call: Barbara (494-5516), Rose (226-1854), or Isaac (925-6572). Deadline is July 31st.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents: **Detroit/Toronto Singles Weekend.** July 17-19. **Friday July 17,** 8:00 p.m., Oneg Shabbat, Beth Emeth Synagogue. **Saturday, July 18,** 9:00 p.m. Cocktail Dance Party, Triumph Hotel, Senator Ballroom, (401-Keele). $6.00 till 9:45 p.m., $8.00 after 9:45 p.m. **Sunday, July 19,** 10:30 brunch, Weston Hotel. Sid 222-7111.

J.C.C. N.E. Valley Singles Network Tennis Round Robin & Dance. 7015 Leslie St., Sunday, July 19, Tennis 7:00 p.m. (bring own equipment), Dance 9:00 p.m. Tennis & Dance, Members $5.00 Non-members $7.00 Dance only members $4.00, Non-members $6.00. Disc Jockey & refreshments. Sally 889-0813.

J.C.C. Valley Singles - Sunday, July 26. B.B.Q. Folk Dancing Swim Party. 7:30 p.m. $10.00 members (card), $12.00 non-members. Manny 964-1619, Sally 889-0813 (Valley Office).

Discovering Toronto goes to the race track. Join us on Sunday, July 19, meet at the Bloor Y at 1:00 p.m. $2.75 admission. Call 924-6211 to reserve a place.

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Organizations and People

Food is his hobby and livelihood

Goldstein enjoys catering to clients' demands

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Berny Goldstein loves food and fortunately for his many customers he is in the right business.

"I enjoy food thoroughly. I talk about it all day and I read about it when I'm not talking about it," says the president of Adath Catering.

Goldstein, who has been at Adath Israel for almost five years, says he is always looking for new ways to prepare foods and upgrade service. "I'm always looking for new recipes and testing them out. People's tastes change constantly and I have to keep up with them."

Among Goldstein's favorite dishes, prepared under the kashruth supervision of Rabbi Erwin Schild, are fresh filet of salmon en croute with white wine dill sauce, pasta primavera tossed with fresh pesto and boneless breast of chicken with grand marnier sauce. "We also offer an imaginative array of salads and a sinful list of dessert items," he says.

Goldstein, whose entire career has revolved around the restaurant, hotel and catering business, says that when he plans a function with his customers he treats it as if it were his own.

"I get personally involved. I talk to people and get to know their tastes. Many people want a typical fare of chicken or brisket of beef, while others are looking for nouvelle cuisine. I am always revising menus."

He says that quite often a customer comes in with a favorite recipe and he will have the chef prepare it for her simcha. "I am always prepared, however, to tell a customer if I feel that something she requests just won't work. I can't let a customer have her own way if I think it will detract from the party. She trusts me because we have become friends and she has confidence in me as a caterer."

Goldstein says that although planning menus is an important part of his job he does not stop at that when organizing a party.

"I'm usually the first person people come to see and often they just don't know where to turn. I'm able to suggest florists, bridal consultants, photographers, bands . . . any number of services that will help make their party happy."

He adds that waiters and waitresses can either enhance a party or make guests miserable and he is very particular about who he hires. "It is essential to me to have a congenial staff."

Goldstein says that by attending every function, he and his assistant, Michael Rosen, one of whom always stays until the end, can ensure that everything is running smoothly and everyone is cooperating with the kitchen.

"We can't have the orchestra play dance music when hot food is being served and we have to make sure the photographer doesn't ask people to gather for a group photo just when they have started to eat.

"Everything has to be coordinated. One person can throw the whole thing off."

He says that he feels a "personal obligation to my customers to see that everything is right from the moment they step into my office until the last guest has left the simcha."

For more information Berny Goldstein can be reached at 638-6522.

Hotel to open kosher kitchen

By
BARBARA KINGSTONE

TORONTO —

The concept of the Park Plaza Hotel's soon-to-be-opened kosher kitchen had its origin when new owner David Dennis was making one of his early inspections of the building.

Dennis, a leader in the Jewish community, noticed that there was a fully equipped kitchen in the north tower that had not been used in years and he recognized its potential in his renovation plans.

Along with large banquet facilities, now in the final drafting stage, the kosher kitchen is ideally located to service the specially requested meals.

The hotel's main kitchen is separate from the newly organized kosher food area, allowing the hotel to maintain the strictest standards under the supervision of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Orthodox division.

Opening this summer, the kosher kitchen will be available for parties and seminars for 30 to 300 people. Eventually, the newly designed ballroom will accommodate up to 600 guests.

Sam Glass, the sous chef, will have the responsibility for operating the kosher kitchen.

The banquet manager and chefs will work together providing special menus while adhering to the kosher specifications.

Jewish service awarded $15,000

OTTAWA —

The Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto has been awarded a grant of $15,000 to train counsellors in immigrant organizations how to help their clients get jobs, Secretary of State David Crombie recently announced.

The agency is in the 2nd year of a pilot program titled The Multicultural Outreach Skills Training Program. It is designed to provide outreach skills training to staff of community-based organizations involved with immigrant integration.

The first phase involved the development of the program framework. The second, using funds from the department of the secretary of state, will set up 1-day training sessions on specific issue areas such as networking and coping with unemployment and employment standards.

SCHOOL'S OUT

Bialik Hebrew Day School graduated its last grade 9 class of 12 students recently. The students performed in a song and dance cantata production depicting the life of David Ben-Gurion in celebration of the centennial of his birth. It was presented in the four languages taught at the school — Hebrew, Yiddish, French and English. From now on grade 8 will be the graduating class. From left are Aurora Menelsohn, Michelle Moldofsky, Karen Hyman, Tal Schreier and Ronit Alpert. [Mollie Rothman photo]

HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

Prof. Moshe Many (right), president of Tel Aviv University, recently presented Prof. Lawrence Bessner of Montreal with an honorary fellowship at Canadian Friends' annual board of governors meeting. Bessner, one of the founders of Canadian Friends, and a former chairman of the funds and trusts committee, is an accountancy professor at Concordia University.

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Former education director at Associated

Egozi retiring and returning to the U.S.

Rabbi Akiva Egozi

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —
Rabbi Akiva Egozi, former education director of the Associated Hebrew Day Schools, and more recently a special consultant to the school, is retiring and returning to the United States.

Egozi, who is celebrating his 40th anniversary in Jewish education, came to Toronto 12 years ago to assume the post of education director at Associated.

"It was a new position where I was to be in charge over all the principals," said the rabbi.

"When I came there were only two branches with 1,800 students, now we have over 3,000 students," he added.

Egozi, who received his education at traditional yeshivas in both Europe and the United States (Baranowitz, Kletzk and Lakewood Yeshivas) as well as at the University of Rhode Island and the University of California at Los Angeles, has been responsible for the programs for teachers at the Associated.

"I instituted the training seminars for teachers and shlichim from Israel in order to indoctrinate them with the philosophy of our school," he explained.

An author of 20 books on education and one of poetry, including the internationally acclaimed Tochnit Halimudim, Egozi was awarded the Jerusalem Prize by Israeli President Chaim Herzog two years ago. The award is given to an outstanding educator in the Diaspora.

The rabbi has also been instrumental in the establishment of programs for students with special needs, including gifted and slow children.

"My final goal is to be in Israel, but first I'm going to spend two years with my children in New York while teaching at a university, probably Yeshiva University," he said.

Egozi, who has two daughters and four grandchildren, served as dean of both Providence Yeshiva and Yeshiva University, West Coast Division, before coming to Toronto.

He described Toronto as "a most active and viable Jewish community . . . which contributes to Jewish education and Israel, although there is a lack of understanding regarding Jewish education's role in the unity and continuity of the community.

"Jewish education must be the first priority in the community, otherwise we will have survival of Jews without Judaism."

Egozi, whose wife Sara is also a teacher at Associated, described his experiences at the day school as "very satisfying and gratifying; this school is one of the most important institutions in the community."

Rabbi Irwin Witty, director of the Board of Jewish Education in Toronto, said Egozi has, "enriched the scene of Jewish education, he is a scholar and a Hebraist, who has brought a curricular approach to the Associated, a school committed to religious Zionist thought."

Custody program unveiled by govt.

TORONTO —
A new support and custody enforcement program designed to provide assistance to parents seeking to enforce custody rights was recently unveiled by Ontario Attorney General Ian Scott.

Under the new system, which is now in effect, support payments are made directly to one of eight enforcement offices located across the province. Government checks are issued to creditors for the amount received and missed payments are automatically noted by a computer which results in the initiation of enforcement proceedings.

This includes garnishment of wages, filing of liens and the seizure and sale of the defaulter's assets.

"The new program will relieve individuals of the emotional burden and financial cost of having to start legal enforcement proceedings themselves," Scott said. "It is hoped that this will contribute to a significant decline in present default rates and a decrease in the numbers of single women relying on social assistance to feed and clothe their children because they are not receiving support payments."

Scott said the program was established to respond to the growing concern about the lack of compliance with court orders relating to support and custody. As many as 85% of Ontario's 61,000 support orders filed in family court are presently in default, he said. In the majority of such cases, the support order involves children.

By 1992, the new program is expected to save Ontario taxpayers $17 million in the form of welfare payments which will no longer have to be paid out to individuals who fail to receive proper support payments.

The new program also provides for the enforcement of custody provisions. Assistance will involve the pursuit and locating of parents who ignore custody orders and abduct thier children.

Enforcement offices are located in: Toronto, 1-800-387-1864; Thunder Bay, 1-800-456-6828; Sudbury, 1-800-461-4739; London, 1-800-265-3418, Hamilton, 1-800-263-8591, Oshawa, 1-800-263-1924; Windsor, 1-800-265-5804; Ottawa, 1-800-267-0397.

Molson Indy gala helps BB and Sunnybrook

TORONTO —
B'nai B'rith Canada and Sunnybrook Medical Foundation are the two beneficiaries of a Molson Indy gala to be held Thursday, July 16, at Harbour Castle Hilton Convention Centre.

Following a gourmet kosher dinner at which world renowned race car owner Carl Haas will be honored, a Monte Carlo Night and an auction will be held.

BB's Sheryn Posen said in an interview that this is the first year the gala, organized jointly by committees from Molson's Indy, BB and Sunnybrook, has benefitted two local charities.

Molson's Indy will be run here June 17 and 19.

Advance tickets for the dinner, expected to be attended by the drivers, may be obtained by calling 364-1234. Admission to the Monte Carlo Night and auction is free.

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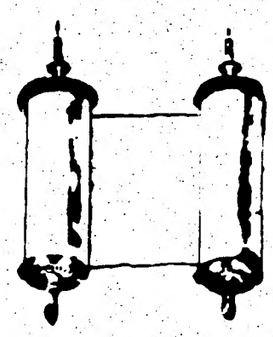

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Pinchas

First of all, we must be a mentch.

The great saints never had much patience with boasters and showoffs.

A certain Jew came to Reb Moses Teitelbaum with a secret — Elijah the Prophet appeared to him.

"And how did he appear, very dark?" asked Reb Moses.

"Yes."

"And tall?"

"Yes."

"Did he have a ladder and a basket?"

"Yes, yes," the man answered excitedly.

"And his face was ashen?"

"Yes."

"Then," explained Reb Moses, "it wasn't Elijah you saw — but the chimney sweep. . . ."

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According to our tradition, Pinchas, the hero of this week's parsha, metamorphosed into Elijah the Prophet. Like Elijah he was zealous and jealous for God.

What was Pinchas jealous about?

He saw Zimri, a prince among the Jews, go into the tent with a pagan princess to commit adultery before everyone.

Pinchas would have nothing of this. While everyone — even Moses — stood by with wringing hands, he grabbed a spear and killed them both in his wrath.

The Almighty was pleased and announced: "Hineni notain lo, et briti Shalom . . . Behold I give him, My covenant of peace, for him and his descendants afterwards. . . ."

What was Pinchas so jealous about?

But — explains the Chatam Sofer — Pinchas was jealous about sinners like Zimri. Why is it that when it comes to pleasures and transgressions, there is such a "bren," such a fervor and excitement? When it comes to the Blue Jays in the bottom of the ninth, there is such a holding of breath, such a roar of excitement when a ball is bounced into an outfield that you'd think the Messiah arrived on the Lakefront.

When it comes to praying, to giving charity, to studying Torah, to making a blessing, to putting on tefillen, to welcoming Sabbath, to remembering the Temple, to helping another Jew, there is a polite, dignified calm.

For aveiros we're hot, and for mitzvahs we're cool! That was what Pinchas was jealous about!

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We must burn with passon for our Judaism. The verse praises Israel: "Hain am kilavee yakum, u'chiaree yitnaso . . . Behold (Israel) wakes up like a lion cub, and rises up like a lion. . . ."

A Jew wakes up each morning like a lion cub, weak, cool, tentative . . . But when we jump into mitzvahs, from Heaven we are inspired with strength and might and glory to rise up to His service like lions.

We must be God's lions.

* * *

Every Jew needs a tzaddik to guide him. The Mezritcher Maggid sent Reb Menachem Mendel of Vitebsk to White Russia to draw the Jews to chassidus. When he returned, he asked him how he had fared.

Reb Mendel answered: "When I arrived, I found whole hearts and ripped gabardines. When I left, there were whole gabardines and ripped hearts.

There is nothing else but to serve God. Shabbat Shalom.

Says loan service follows Maimonides' principles

United Way's Golden lauds TJAS

TORONTO —

The strength of the community is greater than the strength of the individual, Dr. Anne Golden, campaign director of the United Way told the recent annual meeting of the Toronto Jewish Assistance Services at the Lipa Green Building.

As keynote speaker, she pointed out that the United Way holds the same philosophy as TJAS — Maimonides' principle that the greatest form of charity is to help people help themselves. (TJAS offers interest-free loans to people with demonstrated need.)

Golden explained that the TJAS was somewhat of an anomaly as United Way funded agencies go in that it is not a service agency. She went on to say that it does fill an essential need, and for that reason receives the endorsement of the United Way.

She also said that she would like to see increased Jewish involvement in the United Way and praised Jewish leadership in the film industry for the success of a recent United Way fund raiser, One Day at the Movies.

The meeting was chaired by outgoing president, Morrie Latchman. In his remarks, he described the TJAS components: Loan Cassa, offering interest-free business loans up to $5,000; Toronto Hebrew Re-establishment Services, up to $2,000 for personal loans and the Scholarship-in-Aid program, offering up to $2,500 dollars for vocational training.

He made particular reference to the presence of Saul Sigler, a founding member of Toronto Jewish Assistance Services as a fine example for the younger members of the board to follow.

Assuming leadership for the next two years is lawyer Sherman Hans, a member of TJAS for over 10 years. Hans thanked Latchman for his services as president for the past two years. He reviewed the history of bodies like TJAS in North American Jewish culture and expressed concern that it has not received enough emphasis in contemporary society.

"If the poor do not know about us," he said, "then we are not doing our job."

Other officers elected were Bernie Davis, treasurer; Jonathan Wolfe, endowment chairman; David Goldberg, THRS chairman; Alan Mostyn, vice-chairman; Merv McCarthy and Harry Katz, Loan Cassa Co-Chairmen; Gordon Kaufman and David Blank, vice-presidents; Barry Tissenbaum, secretary; Steve Latner, membership chairman; Cathy Smith-Friedman, educational loan chairman; Nathan Disenhouse, vice-chairman; Bert Cohen, outreach chairman and Jonathan Miller, honorary counsel.

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Dr. Anne Golden, United Way campaign director, chats with Sherman Hans, incoming Toronto Jewish Assistance Services president, (right), and Morrie Latchman, outgoing president.

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Organizations and People

Govt. looks to alternatives, minister says

Institutionalized living for seniors a last resort

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —
The government of Ontario believes that institutionalized living for senior citizens should only be a last resort, Housing Minister Curling told the opening session of the Association of Jewish Seniors recent annual 2-day conference.

The conference at Beth Tzedec Synagogue focused on the question Are Institutions the Continuing Destiny of Senior Citizens? as it examined community based alternatives.

"You have prepared a brief stating your opposition to the institutionalization of residents where there is any viable alternative," Curling said. "The provincial government believes as you do."

The minister told association members: "I have been warned about you. They said, this is no cream puff organization. These are tough cookies and they want the facts."

Recent government housing initiatives, he said, include home sharing; seniors' equity co-ops for persons who want to sell large homes and buy shares in a co-op residence; granny flat homes — separate living units or modular homes sharing services and utilities with houses owned by their children and located on those properties.

The latter concept Curling feels, works better outside the city. Twelve of these units have been installed on a trial basis across Ontario.

Curling said the government also encourages organizations to sponsor housing projects like the National Council of Jewish Women residence in North York which serves seniors, families and disabled persons in "a setting of genuine community."

The minister stressed the importance of older people remaining within their own cultural communities. The provincial government has a moral commitment to afford each member of society the dignity of a secure place to live and the services necessary for comfort and independence, he said.

Emphasizing that the government identifies the needs of seniors as a major priority, Curling declared that the resources of four ministries — housing, community and social services, health and the ministry responsible for seniors' affairs — have now been combined to serve those needs.

He described a new one-stop access plan which is establishing five pilot projects across Ontario where information about all government programs and services may be obtained. As well, he said, a new Metro Toronto central housing registry has one phone number, 392-6111, for inquiry about seniors' rental units.

Coordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly president Ralph Shedletsky recalled that just a few years ago, the Association of Jewish Seniors nearly folded after experiencing certain crises. He marveled at the complete turnabout, asserting that through persistence, the organization has emerged today as "incredibly energetic, active and productive, not just for Jewish seniors in Toronto, but for seniors throughout the country."

Alvin Curling

Referring to the conference theme, Shedletsky said that the association is raising the consciousness of society about the issues, and advocating on behalf of older members in the community. Coordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly is actively trying to serve that population, he said.

Both organizations are promoting independent living, and as a result of this relationship, "the whole is greater than its parts."

Belle Orson, Association of Jewish Seniors president, announced that a non-profit seniors housing project, the Dorothy Klein residence, supported by the Association of Jewish Seniors and the Bathurst-Eglinton Tenants Association, is being developed at 668 Roselawn Ave. under the joint auspices of the federal and provincial governments.

"Our aim," she said, "is to provide quality housing with the community support, at an affordable cost. If all is well, we anticipate occupancy in the summer of 1988."

Conference chairperson Evelyn Katz adjourned the session as the music of Morris Turk and his orchestra drew everyone on to the dance floor.

London Hebrew day school celebrates its 21st birthday

LONDON, Ont. —
The recent graduation of a grade 8 class marked the 21st year of operation of the London Community Hebrew Day School here.

"The six pioneers marking a community milestone," said a school spokesman, are Matthew Lefebre, Gordon Engel, Lee David Salsberg, Aviva Bass, Ariela Freedman and Inna Dainov.

London's is the smallest North American Jewish community to support an independent day school, said veteran teacher Debbie Lefebre. "Against all odds, the school has continued not only to survive, but grow."

The school was founded in 1965 by University of Western Ontario philosophy Prof. Irving Block — a Lubavitcher chassid — and his wife Lillian, and opened with an enrolment of five students. "Fortunately, this met the required minimum for registration by the Ontario ministry of education," she wrote recently in London's community newspaper.

Classes were held at a dance school, and later at Beth Tefilah Congregation.

In 1974, the school, with an enrolment of 19, was incorporated as a cooperative, and moved to classrooms at Or Shalom Congregation.

"Each morning, students would file down to the supply room to collect their plastic laundry tubs in which they stored their books and equipment, and at the end of each day they had to bring them back down, to clear the classrooms for the congregation's Talmud Torah (a supplementary school)."

Financial stresses were many, she said. "At times, it would be August before a final decision could be made to open the school again in September.

"Much of the day school's history has been characterized by visionary risk-taking in the tradition begun by the Blocks," she said.

In 1978, the school first acquired its own premises, thanks to a community-wide fund raising campaign, buying an old public school building.

"In recent years, the school's strong secular program has been further enriched with expanded music and physical education programs. The school now participates in the annual city-wide track and field competition and in the Kiwanis choir festival. We are also expanding our French program, which begins in grade 1," said Lefebre.

She paid tribute to senior Hebrew teacher and consultant Barbara Freedman, who is moving to Montreal this summer. "She will be sorely missed," she said. Freedman developed the school's new grade 7 and 8 Hebrew curriculum, and started students entering the annual Canada-wide Bible contest sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation.

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ONE OF A KIND

Hope and Cope program is extended to Israel

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Abe Stern calls his $200,000 gift to Hope and Cope and its new "twin" cancer patient support program in Israel an act of thanksgiving.

The emotional turmoil that can follow a diagnosis of cancer was brought home to Stern when 2½ years ago doctors told him he had a tumor on a bile duct. The news of this potentially fatal condition hit Stern, who "had never been sick a day in my life," hard.

Stern, a prominent businessman, has been receiving treatment at the renowned Sloan-Kettering institute in New York and is "99% recovered.

"They have nicknamed me the 'miracle man' because of the recovery I have made. When I first went to the Sloan-Kettering, I thought I would never see Montreal again."

Stern's doctor at the Sloan-Kettering has been Harry Brenner, who is on sabbatical from his position as chief of oncology at the Tel Hashomer Hospital in Tel Aviv. Stern was aware of the valuable work being done by the Hope and Cope program at the Jewish General Hospital, and suggested to Brenner the creation of a similar support program for cancer patients and their families at Tel Hashomer, a hospital Stern has visited many times. Brenner is returning to Israel in July.

To help things get started, Stern has donated $100,000 to Tel Hashomer for the project and another $100,000 to Hope and Cope at the JGH. Founder-president Sheila Kussner, a friend of Stern's, said the money will be used here to create the Abe Stern Hope and Cope Library.

The library, which houses books and other material on cancer, will eventually move into expanded quarters in the hospital's new wing when it is completed a year and a half from now. Kussner will be lending her expertise to Tel Hashomer on how to set up its own Hope and Cope.

"We're not sure what it's name in Hebrew should be; 'tikvah' means hope and the only word I know that rhymes with that is 'mikvah', but that doesn't seem appropriate."

Hope and Cope was founded by Kussner six years ago and she has long wanted to "export" the concept to Israel. Hope and Cope currently has more than 80 volunteers and provides services to a couple of hundred people a week, Kussner said.

Kussner has a personal connection with Tel Hashomer. After the Yom Kippur war, she spoke to war amputees, using her own example to show that life is not over after the loss of a limb. She lost a leg to cancer as a teenager.

More than 90 persons attended a reception at the home of Stern and his wife Gaby to launch the new Hope and Cope. Among them were Brenner; Dr. Mordechai Shani, Tel Hashomer's director general; Israeli deputy finance minister Adiel Amorey, Israeli Consul-General Chalom Schirman and his wife Bracha who is a Hope and Cope volunteer; Dr. Richard Margolese, JGH chief of oncology; Dr. Phil Gold, physician-in-chief of the Montreal General Hospital; JGH centre board president Morton Brownstein; and Marjorie Bronfman, who with her late husband Gerald donated the $200,000 seed money that got Hope and Cope off the ground.

Hope and Cope's very first contributor was the Jewish Community Foundation which allocated $25,000.

Stern, who is president of Devmore Holdings Inc., intends to raise the equivalent of his $200,000 among his friends.

"There are no free lunches," Stern warned those who attended the reception.

At the launching of Hope and Cope's "twin" in Israel are (from left) Abe Stern, Gaby Stern, Dr. Harry Brenner and Sheila Kussner. [Drummond photo]

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Organizations and People

Bar-Ilan facility honors late Marilyn Finkler

Emotional ceremony opens new cancer centre

RAMAT-GAN —

Twelve years after their daughter's death and almost that many in building, planning, and fund raising, Leona and Arnold Finkler of Toronto, in an emotional ceremony, recently opened the Marilyn Finkler Cancer Research Centre on the campus of Bar-Ilan University.

Some 60 wellwishers from Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and across Israel came to the university to join the Finklers in the official ribbon-cutting, which opened the new $2 million cancer and AIDS research facility.

The building will replace an old, dilapidated research centre and will house the latest state-of-the-art equipment, eight scientists and their assistants on two floors. One entire floor will be devoted to a germ-free environment for animals used in research.

The ceremony was attended by Bar-Ilan chancellor Emanuel Rackman, president Michael Albeck, rector Ernest Kraus, Israeli science minister Gideon Patt and Broderick Bell, second secretary from the Canadian embassy.

Several family members joined Leona and Arnold, including daughter Pat Friedland and her husband, Allan, and Marilyn's godparents, Hadassah (Rita) and Gary Zehman. Friends such as Kurt Rothschild from Toronto and Prof. Irwin Cotler of Montreal also attended.

The dedication, which received wide coverage in the Israeli media, was part of a 2-day symposium at Bar-Ilan on future trends in cancer and AIDS research. It drew two dozen top scientists from Canada, the U.S. and Israel, who presented papers on new therapies.

In 1975, just a few weeks prior to her death of cancer at age 19, Marilyn Finkler told her parents she knew something would be done to perpetuate her memory.

"As befits the Finklers, who have overcome adversity only too many times in the past, they have chosen not to create a static memorial but a dynamic centre of scientific progress," said Albeck, who along with Prof. Benjamin Sredni of Bar-Ilan, working under the auspices of the Finkler centre, have developed a substance which is said to hold great promise in the treatment of cancer and AIDS.

The discovery, a substance called AS-101, lessens the toxicity of other drugs used to fight the disease and helps strengthen patients' immune systems. Last month, the scientists received Federal Drug Administration approval in the U.S. to begin authorized tests on cancer and AIDS sufferers.

"The Finkler family, distinguished philanthropists from Canada, in establishing this centre, has chosen the most appropriate manner to honor and perpetuate the memory of their daughter Marilyn," said Gideon Patt.

"This is a special moment in our lives and I am deeply moved," said Arnold Finkler. "For Marilyn, tzedakah was a way of life. She believed, as we do, that the basic principle of Judaism and humanity is an unshaken commitment to assist your fellow man."

After the Finklers cut the blue and white ribbon, visitors were led inside a patio-like entrance made entirely of Italian marble and designed by Montreal artist Alexandra Champalimaud. It features a glass display case containing photographs and biographical information on Marilyn (including a personal letter of condolence from then-Prime Minister Golda Meir on the occasion of her death) and a stone fountain fed by a waterfall, which serves as a backdrop to the edifice. Spotlights add to the overall dramatic effect.

"We wanted to do something that would be a legacy to Marilyn," said Leona, national chairman of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University. "This is a shrine, where her name will be perpetuated forever." Added her daughter Pat, who, following in her mother's footsteps, is president of the Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary, "Somehow, we've been able to transcend the sorrow and turn it into hope for humanity. This is not a memorial to Marilyn's death, but a celebration of her life."

Leona and Arnold Finkler (foreground) cut the ribbon to the Marilyn Finkler Cancer Research Centre, situated on the campus of Bar-Ilan University and named for their late daughter.

For the Finklers, tzedakah is a tradition in their shared history. Leona was sent to eight concentration camps, including Treblinka, where 80 of her family members perished. After she and Arnold met in the Starachowice camp in Poland in 1943, he escaped and joined the partisans, living in the Polish forests for two years.

In 1945, after liberation, Leona found him working for the Red Cross in Lodz. Leona had been married before, to a prominent physican murdered at Auschwitz. It was one of life's bittersweet ironies that Arnold had been one of his patients.

The Finklers arrived in Canada in 1948 with $10 between them but soon plunged into Jewish community work. Eventually, both Arnold and Leona received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from Bar-Ilan.

"After we survived the war," said Arnold, "we made our lives a mission. If God spared us, then we had a reason to do everything we could to help others."

As far as research goes, that commitment is well under way. The scientists at the Marilyn Finkler Symposium on cancer and AIDS research held out some hope of promising new therapies in both diseases.

Dr. Robert Gale, one of two Western doctors allowed to go to the Soviet Union following the Chernobyl nuclear accident, discussed encouraging developments in his specialty, bone marrow transplants, while Dr. Susan Topalian of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., reported a partial or complete remission of certain cancers in 21% of cases that received so-called killer cells (cells taken from the patient's own body, treated to kill cancerous tumors and reinjected), in conjunction with the drug Interleukin-2.

Dr. Marvin Blackstein of Toronto's Mt. Sinai Hospital said chemotherapy — the traditional method of treating cancer — "is here to stay in the 80s and into the 90s."

North JCC gets govt. capital grant

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre was recently awarded a capital grant from the provincial government to upgrade its recreation facilities.

The JCC will receive $508,955 thanks to a lottery fund grant, announced John Eakins, Ontario's minister of tourism and recreation.

"This grant points out the government's commitment to helping communities keep pace with the changing face of recreation pursuits," Eakins said.

JCC President Bernard Kamin told The CJN the grant will go towards a $1.5-$2 million project to improve the JCC's facilities. The balance of the needed funds is expected to come through donations, he said, adding there would be no effect on membership fees because of the renovations.

The construction project will see new meeting rooms, a new entranceway and new administrative offices added to the JCC, he said.

Other changes to the facility will include a whirlpool, sauna, men's and women's locker rooms, washrooms and showers. The expansion will also provide a women's health club and weight training equipment.

Work on the project is expected to begin in about six months, Kamin said, and take about one year to complete.

In announcing the grant, the ministry noted the capital grants program for new recreation facilities is intended to enhance the sports, fitness or recreational pursuits of the community at large, with an eye towards economic and operational viability.

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Tefillen, mezzuzot need thorough check, rabbi says

Buyers warned about shoddy religious goods

By
PHILLIP FINE

TORONTO —
If a mezzuzah at first glance seems to be a bargain, chances are that upon further examination it won't be.

That's just one piece of advice Rabbi Zvi Fleisher gave during a recent talk on substandard religious artifacts at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Fleisher, who works as a scribe, told his audience that low-priced mezzuzot or, for that matter, tefillin, are bound to contain flaws simply because well made artifacts take more time and are therefore, more expensive.

Improperly lettered scripts and cheaply prepared parchments are just two of the defects one is likely to find in low-priced artifacts, Fleisher said. Both flaws render the goods non-kosher.

For example, a script in which one or two Hebrew letters run together to create a new letter is considered to be a violation of Jewish law, Fleisher told his audience.

Lettering must conform to standard Hebrew, Fleisher said, adding he knew of one case in which an artist had invented his own version of the script. It's also important that the roof of each letter hug the top of the horizontal line with which the parchment is scored. Moreover, lettering must not run off the end of the parchment.

Fleisher said that all script must be proof read since even the most painstaking scribes can make an error.

Parchment that cracks or flakes — particularly with material that has been whitewashed or which isn't even parchment but merely a photo reproduction — is also unacceptable.

Tefillin, given their many components and the complexity of their construction, are especially defect-prone, Fleisher said. Cheaply made phylacteries can warp and, because of this, lose their all important squareness.

Tefillin straps that are too thin will quickly become thinner with use and, therefore, unsuitable under Jewish law. Since all straps must be at least nine millimeters wide, it's a good idea, Fleisher said, to ensure that new straps are 10 or 11 mm. in width.

Because inferior religious artifacts have been bought in Toronto, the Vaad HaRabbanim is trying to establish reputable standards for mezzuzot, tefillin and other goods, Fleisher said. Most substandard goods, he added, come from Israel.

Jerry Genesove, one of the organizers of Fleisher's talk, asked what someone should do if he finds that he's bought a substandard artifact.

Fleisher replied that the buyer should first confront the seller and, if unsatisfied with that person's explanation, should then ask a rabbi for advice.

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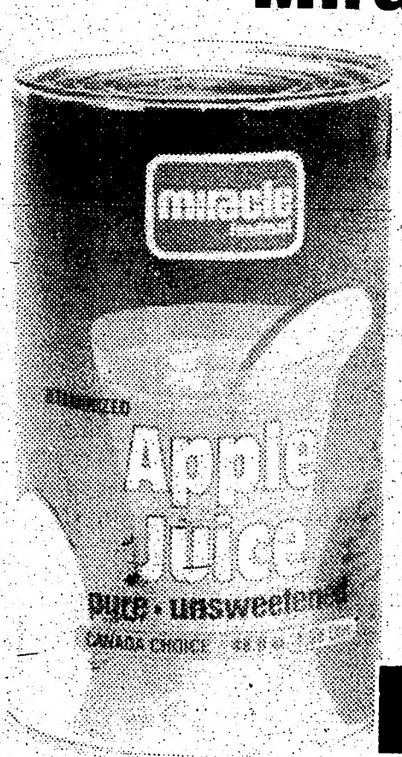

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Organizations and People

Silverthorne first MD in Canada to use penicillin

Physician recalls his role in medical advances

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

TORONTO —
Toronto's oldest practicing pediatrician, 85-year-old Dr. Nelles Silverthorne, has participated in some of the greatest medical advances of this century.

He was involved in the development of the vaccine for whooping cough and made contributions to the treatment of meningitis and tetanus.

He was the first doctor in Canada to use penicillin.

He has worked and been friends with some of the most influential medical minds of our age: Banting and Best, the discoverers of insulin; Dr. Allan Brown, Silverthorne's "pediatric father" who was one of the developers of pablum; and Alexander Fleming, who was first to discover the beneficial properties of a mold named penicillin.

Of the many highlights and achievements of Silverthorne's more than 60-year medical career, he recalls one of the proudest moments being when he was honored in 1983 by the creation of the Dr. Nelles Silverthorne Nursery at the Toronto neo-natal wing of the Soroka Hospital, Beersheba Medical Centre in the Negev.

At the time, Silverthorne called the honor "a beautiful dream come true," and he still talks excitedly about it.

"I consider it greater than a knighthood or an Order of Canada," he said.

What made the tribute unusual is that Silverthorne, a favorite of the Jewish community in Toronto, is a devout Christian who works with Christian medical groups and was chairman of the Scott Mission for 20 years.

But Silverthorne, who has written articles on Christian-Jewish relations, sees nothing out of the ordinary.

"Israel is the country of God," he says. "And the heart and soul of Judaism is still the heart and soul of Christianity."

Through his private practice and his 60-year affiliation with the Hospital for Sick Children, Silverthorne has tended to the medical needs of thousands of Jewish children and mothers.

"I get more Christmas presents from Jews than from Gentiles," he laughs.

The doctor has tremendous respect for the mothers whose children he takes care of. "I still believe that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," he said.

Devout Christian loved by Jewish community

He remains passionate and dedicated to his work though he ruefully points out "I'm probably a fool to still be in practice. But I never knew anything else I wanted to do and if I had to go back I wouldn't go into any other specialty."

Silverthorne proudly counts six families on his patient list who are "3rd generation." He took care of the grandparents and parents of his current patients when they were babies.

During the years since he entered medicine, tremendous changes have taken place in pediatrics, Silverthorne says.

"There have been great advances in medicine, surgery — all areas of the field," he says.

"But the greatest change since 1927 is the development of vaccines to control or eliminate diseases like smallpox, polio, diptheria, meningitis, tetanus, yellow fever and hepatitis."

Silverthorne remembers well the horror and pain of seeing children die from infectious disease. As the chief resident at Riverdale Isolation Hospital in 1929 he treated cases of scarlet fever, diptheria, smallpox and whooping cough while a frightened city prayed for their children.

During the polio epidemics of the 40s and 50s he once did 15 lumbar punctures (spinal taps) in one night, while distraught parents waited to hear if their child had contracted the crippling and often deadly disease.

But there was also the joy of trying a new and successful treatment.

Silverthorne was called in to see a child suffering from a usually fatal bloodstream disease. "The boy had a temperature of 107F. and was unconscious," he says. "I, like a fool, told his father that I thought he would get better."

Knowing that Fleming's new wonder drug penicillin was being experimented with in the U.S., Silverthorne managed to wrangle a small amount.

"The next day he was conscious and made a complete recovery. Today he is a doctor in Texas," Silverthorne recounts with pleasure.

Medical care for children today has improved exponentially, the doctor says. The specialization of modern medicine allows him to send patients to doctors who are knowledgeable in specific areas of complaint.

And though he admits prejudice, Silverthorne believes the Hospital for Sick Children is "unquestionably one of the leading hospitals in the world."

Silverthorne and his wife Elizabeth (Betty) Rivers recently celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. They have 2 daughters and a son and 6 grandchildren.

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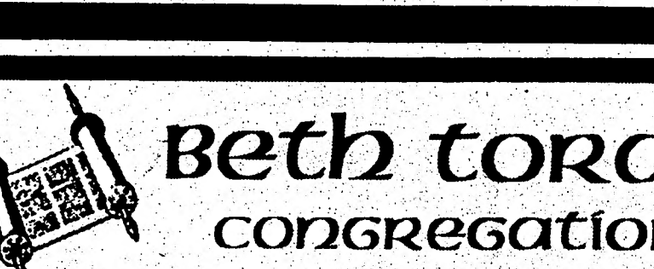

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Housing possibilities for elderly are discussed

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

"Most persons over 65 are healthy, happy and living at home," University of Toronto community health professor Dr. Cope Schwenger says, dispelling the myth that all the elderly are sick.

He added, however, that the "older old," whose numbers are increasing rapidly, do have some problems such as isolation, poverty and disability.

Schwenger was addressing the Association of Jewish Seniors on the second day of a conference in Beth Tzedec Synagogue, called to consider the alternatives to institutional living for older people.

Canada, he stated, has one of the highest rates of institutional care in the world, which is very costly. Presenting a battery of statistics, he contrasted our care of the sick with the United Kingdom, where more home assistance is in place.

In Canada, he said, 7% of those over 65 are in institutions, compared with 5% in the UK. He maintained that 27,000 beds could be saved if we adopted the British system. Of those over 85, one in three Canadians receives institutional care; in the UK it is one in five.

To meet the real problem of housing people outside of institutions, Schwenger suggested shared accommodation, an emergency alarm system, retirement villages and sheltered housing which offers help with meals, laundry, etc., and is integrated into the neighborhood.

Albert Rose, former dean of the University of Toronto faculty of social work, who recently completed a 6-year term as chairman of the Metro Toronto Housing Authority, urged action now, declaring there is no need for further research.

Utilization of social and home care services would enable older people to remain in their own homes and communities, he said. Some of the basics required are assistance with grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments, house maintenance — and it is the availability of such assistance which is necessary.

Rose advised his listeners to ask politicians why the overall need for support services is substantially unfilled. He encouraged them to apply political pressure, to lobby, to work for those candidates who really do intend to help, "not those who merely smile benignly and say, we must do something about our elderly."

Trish Spindell, a cofounder of the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly and past president of Concerned Friends, declared, "I have never met any people who need an institution, and not one who feels he needs an institution. If you really think about it, people can live in homes, particularly places that are especially adapted."

Spindell said that hundreds of old people are being pushed out of hospitals into nursing homes. She insisted that changes are being made without concern for location and "the elderly person is often the last to know if he's being shipped off to a nursing home.

"Acccording to law, a person can't be shipped off. You should know that," she said.

A 4-bedroom apartment with 24-hour assistance doesn't cost much more than a nursing home, she said, noting that better care could be given than in a nursing home where the ratio of patients to staff is extremely high.

Since 1974 more mentally retarded persons are coming out of institutions to group homes and apartments with attendant care, she said. "The only people being herded into institutions are the elderly. Until the people believe it, the politicians won't believe it."

She told seniors to write Premier David Peterson and tell him, "you're not crazy about institutions. Write to your ministers, to Minister Responsible for Senior Citizens Ron Van Horne and Health Minister Murray Ellston. Tell them you don't need more chronic care homes."

John Nywening, province coordinator in the office for senior citizens' affairs, said the Ontario government is trying "first and foremost" to improve community-based services for the elderly, to keep those who need help in their own familial surroundings.

In the past year and a half he said, there has been a lot of new funding — sometimes double and triple — for such home support as health services and meals on wheels.

A new integrated homemaker program makes assistance available to seniors free of charge with eligibility based solely on need, not medical or financial testing.

Twenty-eight new Alzheimers programs have been approved and are being implemented, and there are some 17 new respite care programs.

John Press, vice-president of operations for Lifestyle Retirement Communities and a consultant to non-profit organizations, discussed the role of the private sector in seniors' housing.

Between 1983 and 2001, he said, there will be a total increase of 16% among the elderly, but the greatest growth, 110%, will be in the over 85s. That is the group, he said, which requires the most services.

Agreeing that the priority is to keep people in their own homes — "there is no acceptable alternative" — Press said that the public and private sector must work together.

He stated it is important to choose facilities which maintain close community ties, with people going out to the community and the community coming in.

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Money raised will be used for extensive renovations and expansion at the school's three campuses, says Dr. Ira Schecter, chairman of the board and co-chairman (with Shaila Gottlieb) of the fund raising campaign.

USDS, starting its 27th year in the fall, has already raised about half of its goal from parents, board of directors, sponsoring institutions and synagogues, says Schecter. He estimates the school has received an almost 85% positive response from those who have already been contacted.

But the magnitude of the task demands appeals to alumni and the general community, he says.

Included in the proposed construction is renovation and expansion of the Bayview campus (at Beth Tikvah Synagogue); and renovations to washrooms and classrooms and updating of facilities at the Bathurst campus (Beth Tzedec Synagogue).

Funds from the campaign will also ensure a commitment to creating the school's third campus with permanent quarters in the Shaareh Haim Synagogue. That project is scheduled to be ready for September 1988.

Until then, USDS' first nursery program North of Steeles will run this fall with 15 students (now enrolled) in the Spruce Avenue Community Centre.

Enrolment at the school for all three campuses this fall is projected to be about 850 — the largest in its history, says Schecter.

But applications for admission are outstripping space for students, especially for pre-school classes which have growing waiting lists. Waiting lists for other grades vary according to the campus.

Even though more families are moving north, Schecter says the original Bathurst campus is still experiencing growth, adding an extra pre-school and grade 1 class.

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One of Canada's greatest athletes

Plaque honors Fannie Rosenfeld's achievements

CORNWALL, Ont. —

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada recently unveiled a bronze plaque at the Allandale Recreation Centre in honor of Fanny "Bobbie" Rosenfeld, one of Canada's greatest athletes.

The commemoration puts Rosenfeld in the company of all-time sports greats "Ned" Hanlan and Tom Longboat. These athletes were recommended by the historic board in keeping with its mandate to recognize individuals of national, historic importance.

Rosenfeld, nicknamed "Bobbie," was among the first inductees to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and in 1949 was selected by a Canadian Press poll as Canada's Female Athlete of the Half-Century.

Rosenfeld was born in 1903 in Katrinaslov, Russia and emigrated to Canada with her family early in her life. She showed exceptional athletic talent while a teenager, beating the reigning Canadian champion in the 100-yard dash at an informal track meet.

She was described by Constance Hennessey, a founder of the Toronto Ladies Athletic Club, as someone who didn't look powerful but was wiry and quick. Above all she was aggressive, very aggressive physically."

The Rosenfelds moved to Toronto in 1922 and Bobbie — who got her nickname after she had her long hair cut off, or "bobbed" — took up track and field.

In September 1925 she tied the world record of 11 seconds for the 100-yard dash. Later in the year at the Ontario Ladies Track and Field Championships she won the discus, 220-yard dash, low hurdles and long jump, placed 2nd in the 100-yard sprint and javelin.

She held Canadian national records in the standing long jump, the running long jump, the 8-pound shot, the discus and the javelin.

And while devoting her energies to track, she still managed to win the 1924 Toronto Ladies Grass Court Tennis Title.

In 1928, at the first Olympic Games to feature women's track and field, she won a gold medal in the 400-metre relay. She took a silver in the 100-metre dash, losing to American Elizabeth Robinson, even though Canadians present claimed Bobbie had won in a close finish. (Those were the days before photo finishes.)

After the Games, Rosenfeld returned to softball and hockey and in the winter of 1929, she got a measure of revenge against Robinson, beating her in a 100-metre race at the Millrose Games in New York. She called it the most satisfying win in her career.

But later that year arthritis forced her into bed and onto crutches for the next 18 months. At one stage, doctors were considering amputating one foot at the ankle, but a family doctor resisted and the foot was saved. She was forced to retire from competitive sports at the age of 28.

In 1937, Rosenfeld began writing a column, *Feminine Sports Reel*, for the Globe and Mail. She switched to the Globe's promotion department in 1957 and was public relations manager when she retired in 1966 due to ill health.

She died in 1969.

Though she never married, Rosenfeld had a love affair with a Gentile which eventually ended when neither family would approve their marriage.

Basketball thrives at north JCC

TORONTO —

Basketball is alive and well and thriving at the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre on Bathurst St. In addition to the men's house league, which has been the mainstay of the basketball program at the JCC for the past decade, seven competitive teams represented the JCC this past season at provincial championships throughout Ontario.

These included the Baby Blues (ages 10-11), the Blue Angels (ages 12-13), the Jazz (ages 14-15), the Blue Demons (ages 16-17), the Blue Devils and Blues (men's teams, 18 and over) and the Blue Wave (a women's team, 15 and over).

In addition to the provincial tournaments, all teams played in league games and various other tournaments throughout the season. The youngest team this year, the Baby Blues, played in tournaments in Hamilton and Brantford, and hosted their own Mini Festival; the Jazz traveled to Detroit, Montreal, Sarnia and Barrie for tournaments and hosted the JCC Classic in early May, an 8-team tournament in which the Jazz placed second.

Teams from as far away as Detroit and Montreal participated in the Classic, attesting to the fine reputation the JCC basketball program has attained over the past several years. The JCC Blue Demons played in Montreal (twice) and Detroit, and placed 2nd at the Provincial Juvenile Championships in Peterborough, losing in the finals by five points.

The strength of the JCC basketball program is also evidenced by the fact that a number of players who play in the program have been selected to play on provincial regional all-star teams. Ilya Gutlin, who just finished playing in his first season for the McGill University basketball team, and Michael Millman, who will also play for McGill in the fall, played on the central-east team that won a gold medal at last summer's Ontario Games.

This summer, Michael Millman and Roberto Feig will play on the central-east men's team and Robin Lerer has been selected to play for the central-east women's team; all these players have played in JCC basketball programs over the past several years.

One should not get the impression that basketball at the JCC is only a fall/winter sport. The JCC women's team placed 3rd in the recent University of Toronto Spring League and two men's teams are representing the JCC this summer in the Scarborough College Summer League. In addition, the JCC will be conducting a summer basketball day camp from Aug. 24 to Sept. 4 for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 17. This camp is seen as a natural springboard for the youth basketball house leagues which start in September at the JCC.

The age divisions for the house leagues are mini (ages 9-11), bantam (12-13), midget (14-15) and juvenile (16-17). All youth league games are played on Sundays and there will be separate leagues for boys and girls, except in the mini division which is co-ed. As in the past, men's house league games will take place on Monday nights.

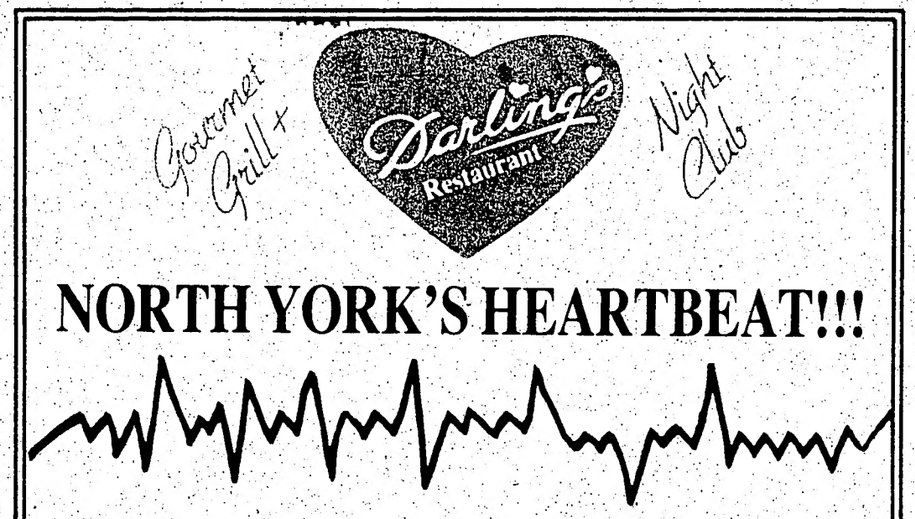
Both the summer basketball camp and the youth house leagues at the JCC provide kids with the opportunity to improve their basketball skills, whether it's just for fun or in preparation for their school basketball teams. Players from the JCC house leagues will also be selected to play for JCC "rep" teams against other community centres and in tournaments throughout the season.

These opportunities to play regularly will give the JCC coaches a chance to assess the talent available in selecting the 1988 Maccabi Youth Games basketball teams (boys and girls). The Youth Games will be held in Chicago in August, 1988.

Because interest in basketball at the Toronto JCC is so strong, the Toronto delegation to the Youth Games will likely send two boys teams to Chicago and one girls team.

Anyone interested in more information about the JCC summer basketball day camp or other JCC basketball programs should call Paula Vine or Susan Rousseau at (416) 636-1880, ext. 322.

Shelby Goldman (23) of the JCC Blue Demons out-rebounds opposition at a tournament in Montreal as Roberto Feig (42) gets ready to head up court. [Julie Chester photo]



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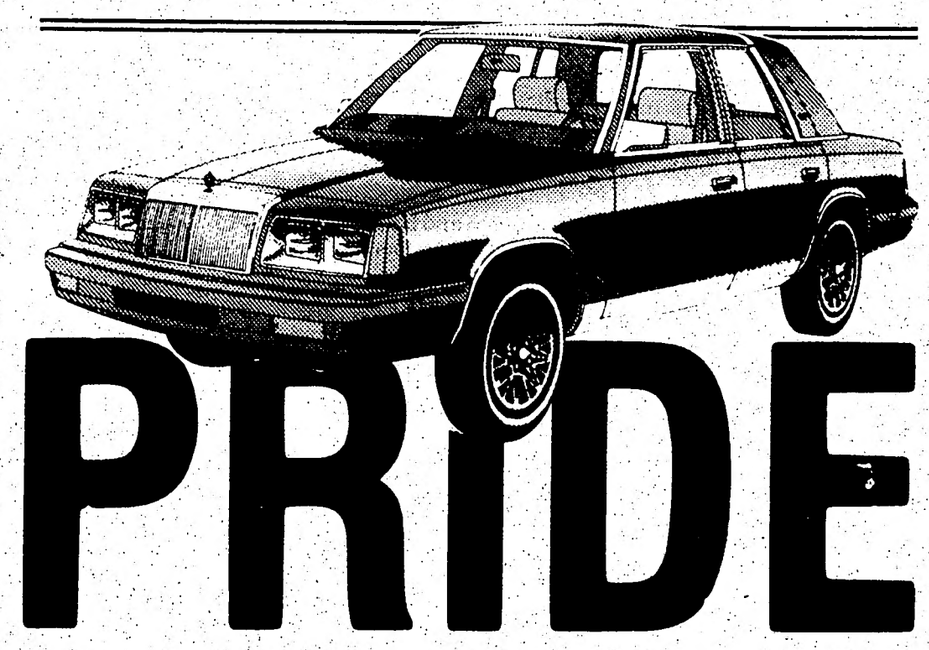

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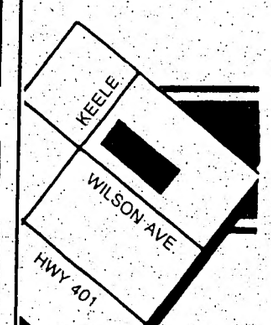

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Organizations and People

Olim Shelanu

Fans see Stanley Cup in Israel via satellite

By
DAVID BIRKAN

At least four Canadians in the Middle East watched Edmonton trounce Philadelphia live in the 7th game of the Stanley Cup finals: David Chodikar of London, Ira Garshowitz and Shelly Howard of Toronto, and Fred Pulver of Peterborough.

"We saw the game in a bomb shelter at the Jerusalem College of Technology," said Ira, the son of David and Libby Garshowitz. "This was thanks to a satellite dish built by an Israeli friend of mine, an engineering student at the college."

Garshowitz, who moved to Israel five years ago, is a marketing consultant involved in increasing Israeli exports.

The three other Canadians, frequent visitors to Israel, happened to be in Jerusalem before game time, and looked Ira up. They met a year and a half earlier at a Jewish Students Network convention in Toronto.

David, a doctor, Fred, an engineer, and Shelly, a journalist, were also graduates of the World Union of Jewish Students Institute in Arad.

Said Ira:

"Instead of piling out to look for an all-night Seven-Eleven store for chips and popcorn, we watched the game eating chummas and pita from the local falafel stand."

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Sharon Herman, who made aliya from Toronto last year, was back in town recently to urge "the re-establishment of aliya as the highest priority of Zionism."

"Fund raising is not really Zionism," she said.

Now national coordinator of Telem Israel, Herman was on a 1-month aliya promotion tour of Toronto, San Francisco, New York, Washington, Los Angeles, and San Diego. Telem, the Movement for Zionist Fulfilment, is a growing group encouraging aliya from North America.

Herman, who lives in Jerusalem's Givat Mordechai neighborhood, was Telem's Toronto chapter chairperson from 1984-6.

She said she was offered the Israel job after delivering an address at a Telem convention in New York City prior to her aliya. She had submitted her resume.

Herman, the daughter of Toronto's Jack and Ruth Herman, told The CJN she was looking forward to the imminent arrival of her two brothers, one on a visit and the other to start in the 1-year program for overseas students at the Hebrew University.

Watching NHL playoffs live in Israel are (from left, standing) Fred Pulver, David Chodikar, and (sitting) oleh Ira Garshowitz. [Shelley Howard photo]

Mary Weinberg presents a $10,000 check to Stephen Rudin, executive director of the Baycrest Centre, while Phil Renzoni, merchandising manager of Parke Davis Canada, looks on.

Contest winner donates $10,000

Prize is given to Baycrest

TORONTO —

When Mary Weinberg of Robinter Dr. in Willowdale recently purchased an over-the-counter medication at her favorite pharmacy, she didn't expect it would lead to a $10,000 donation to Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

The purchase of a Parke-Davis product qualified Weinberg to enter a national contest with a $10,000 donation to the Canadian hospital of the winner's choice as the prize.

A former volunteer at Baycrest, Weinberg was quick to decide which hospital would receive the donation when informed she had won.

"Baycrest was it. The care they provide for the elderly is terrific, and I feel especially good about it since I know many of the patients and residents," she said.

Grocers' fund to foundation

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

In March of this year, an era in this city's retail history officially ended when the last members of the Association of Retail Grocers donated the remainder of its treasury to the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba in perpetuity.

Although not specifically intended to be a Jewish organization, the ARG's membership was, throughout its 55-year history, almost entirely Jewish.

"Our original goal was to bring some kind of respect, order and self-preservation to a chaotic state of affairs," said retired grocer Max Diamond, one of the ARG's founders back in 1931.

There was a need for an organization such as the ARG in those years. Before the era of the superstores, there seemed to be two or three small grocers on every corner. "There were too many stores and too little business," Diamond recalled, "and they were all at each other's throats fighting over customers."

Diamond and a small group of other grocers wanted to do something about that situation as well as making the corner store a force in the business community. "We were subsidizing the bigger stores that could buy in quantity and get discounts," said Diamond. "The small stores paid full price."

One of the highlights for Diamond at the first meetings was seeing neighbors sitting and talking over coffee and making peace with each other.

During the 1930s, the ARG became a recognized force in the food industry. The organization opened a loan office for its 300 to 400 members. It also opened its own wholesale and creamery in competition with other wholesales and creameries.

"These ventures did the trade as a whole good," said Diamond, "but we were unable to continue them. Our competitors undercut our prices with quiet discounts. Thus our members went elsewhere to shop."

The ARG met weekly at the Hebrew Sick Hall at Selkirk and Main. Diamond remembers dues were small and a rule had to be created during the 30s not to solicit money at the meetings in order to keep people coming. The yearly dinners used to fill the hall.

During the war, the ARG ran a bazaar and its ladies auxiliary raised money at weekly card games for medical aid to Russia.

With the help of Jewish aldermen Gray and Blumberg, the group fought to change city bylaws on closing laws.

Things became exciting in the early 50s when Diamond led the ARG in a struggle against the bread companies and Coca-Cola for a fairer deal. Members were advised to reduce their purchases and the fight against the bread companies attracted a lot of publicity and an investigation by Ottawa.

The membership won their fight with the bread companies but were unable to stand firm against Coke.

By the mid-60s, the ARG's usefulness had passed, and it became a social club. Diamond himself, a past president who had held almost every position in the organization, retired in 1977.

Always supportive of Jewish causes, the few remaining members voted in 1986 to enshrine the ARG name with money for Jewish education through the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba as well as support for the Golden Age Club and ANAV. A scroll commemorating the ARG hangs in the new Golden Age clubrooms.

Hebrew U alumni start new support campaign

TORONTO —

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem will soon receive from a group of Torontonians who owe it a great deal — its alumni.

Under the leadership of Mark Halpern, a fast-rising manager at the Miles Nadal Group of Companies, the university's Toronto alumni are gearing up to help their alma mater.

"The university has been receiving a great deal of support from the Canadian Jewish community. We thought it was important to do our part," said Halpern, chairman of the Alumni group of the Toronto Canadian Friends of the Hebrew U's New Leadership Division.

Halpern, who completed York University's honors political science program after spending a year at the Hebrew University in 1982-83, said he has wanted to help since his return to Canada.

"Everyone who studies there is touched by the experience. The Hebrew University has a special place in our hearts, and if we can capitalize on this feeling, there will be a huge body that can dedicate itself to all sorts of issues," he said, adding the group intends to bring the several thousand alumni who live in Canada on board.

Mark Halpern

"The Hebrew University really is the university of the Jewish people, and it is not surprising that it attracts the degree of interest that it does among members of Canada's Jewish community, and even among non-Jews.

"But at the same time, we alumni actually went there. We benefited from an excellent education, and we have an understanding of Israel and the Mideast that can only come from living there. It's time we put our experience to good use," he said.

The first step will be a small gathering of about 50 alumni this September, at a downtown club to be determined over the summer.

"We want to get a smaller group of alumni together first, then rely on our personal connections to broaden the base of Canadian Friends New Leadership Division.

"The sky's the limit — there's so much we can do to help the university, the state of Israel, and the Canadian Jewish community," he said, adding that the other members of the executive are as motivated as he is.

For more information about the Hebrew University Alumni, contact Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, 1 Yorkdale Rd., Suite 208, Toronto M6A 3A1; (416) 789-2633.

Legal researcher awarded grant

OTTAWA —

Ottawa legal researcher Elliott Goldstein was recently awarded a $10,000 grant by the Law Foundation of Ontario to cover the research costs of writing a textbook on how photographs, motion pictures and videotapes can be used by lawyers to present evidence in court.

In 1986, he wrote a book containing briefs of cases in which photographs, motion pictures, and videotapes were used as evidence in Canadian and Commonwealth civil and criminal court proceedings.

Goldstein, 30, born in Winnipeg and raised in Saskatoon, received his arts and law degrees from the University of Saskatoon in 1982. He then moved to Vancouver, served his articles of clerkship, and was called to the Bar of British Columbia in 1984.

Elliot Goldstein

In late 1986, he moved to Ottawa to work for the federal government.

His parents, Benjamin and Myra Goldstein, reside in Saskatoon, where Benjamin Goldstein practices law with his younger son Harvey.

Caption omission

Also appearing in last week's What's New photo involving a State of Israel Bonds fashion show was Sylvia Shawn, Bonds' Toronto Women's Division chairman. Her name was inadvertently left out.

We regret the error.

We also urge, once again, that only photos showing no more than five people be submitted for publication. Photos of larger groups do not reproduce satisfactorily.

Royal visit to Games

TORONTO —
A royal visit will highlight the 12th Ontario Games for the Physically Disabled which are being held in the City of North York from July 16-19.

The Duke and Duchess of York will attend the Games at the North York Civic Stadium on Friday, July 17 at 2.35 p.m. when they preside over various track events.

Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson — or "Randy Andy and Fergie," as they've been dubbed by Fleet St. tabloids — will present medals, view events and meet some of the participating 300 disabled athletes during a 40-minute visit.

The royal couple will add a measure of color and pageantry to the Games. (For security reasons, admission to the Games on Royal Visit Day will be by ticket only. Call 224-6509 for more information.)

While the royal couple will be one of the features of the Games, the spotlights will fall on the disabled athletes as the compete in a variety of sports.

Blind, wheelchair and amputee athletes, as well as those suffering from cerebral palsy will compete in track and field, swimming, weightlifting, powerlifting, boccia (lawn bowls) and table tennis at a number of North York locations.

Track and field will be held at North York Civic Stadium at 5720 Bathurst St., north of Finch. Swimming events are scheduled for the Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre at 5100 Yonge St. Cyclists will take to the road at Canadian Forces Base Downsview and other events will be held at a site adjacent to the stadium at Northview Heights Secondary School, 550 Finch Ave. W.

Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander will officially kick off the Games at opening ceremonies at 7 p.m. on July 16 at the stadium on Bathurst St. John Eakins, Ontario's minister of tourism and recreation and North York Mayor Mel Lastman will share the officiating duties while Lee Marshall of radio station CKEY will add his commentary.

The ceremonies will be followed by a parade of athletes, an official torch-lighting and a giant balloon release.

Wheelchair slalom races will run before and after the opening ceremonies.

"Watch Us Now" is the theme of this year's Games, designed to mark a new era in disabled sports. Inspired by two well known Canadian disabled athletes, Rick Hansen and Stephen Fonyo, awareness of physically handicapped athletes is considered at an all time high.

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Organizations and People

Lifschitz one of five women to represent Canada

S. African immigrant boosts lawn bowling team

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Immigrants bring to Canada a variety of skills, enriching the country with their abilities. No less so in sports.

Mark Berger came from the Soviet Union and promptly earned a silver medal for Canada in judo at the 1984 Olympic Games.

Ivo Horak, one of the country's best young gymnasts, is a native of Czechoslovakia.

And Ethel Lifschitz has boosted the standards of Canada's women's national lawn bowling team. A native of South Africa, Lifschitz will represent Canada at the 2nd Pacific Championships in Papua-New Guinea, from Oct. 26- Nov. 8.

Lifschitz, a 20-year veteran of lawn bowls, was one of five women chosen to represent Canada at the 12-country competition. Australia and New Zealand are among the other nations which will attend the tournament.

She was invited to a tryout competition in Edmonton recently, and her international experience came in handy as she finished in the top five in a 12-person field.

Lifschitz, who bowls at a green in Richmond Hill, is already a veteran of three Maccabiah Games, having represented South Africa twice and Canada at the most recent games in 1985.

She captured a silver medal in pairs and a bronze in singles, her last time there.

A sort of summer variant to curling, lawn bowling is now catching on in Canada, she says. The aim of the game is to place your ball close to a centre white ball, with scoring calculated as it is in a curling match.

It's a game anyone can enjoy, she says, adding she's coached the blind and paraplegics in the past.

For Lifschitz, being chosen to the Canadian team is "the highest" honor. "I never thought in my wildest dreams I'd go to Papua-New Guinea," she says.

To follow that up, Lifschitz has her sights set on the 1989 Maccabiah where she hopes to make a 4th appearance.

Ethel Lifschitz shows the form that makes her one of Canada's best at lawn bowls.

Maccabia event set for campers

TORONTO —
The Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Canadian Zionist Federation will run its 23rd annual Maccabia Jamboree in Fitzroy Provincial Park (about 45 minutes west of Ottawa) from July 28-31.

More than 500 campers are expected to participate. The 14- and 15-year-olds will come from Camps Solelim, Northland, Gesher, Kennebec, Pine Valley, Massad, Kinneret, B'nai B'rith Ottawa, B'nai B'rith Montreal, Kadimah, Prip-stein's and Y Country Camp.

The youngsters will participate in sporting, scouting and cultural events. Some of the highlights of the Maccabia include workshops led by Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa, Rabbi Shlomo Mernick of Toronto and Marty Penn of Canadian Jewish Congress.

There will also be entertainment by Tzofim, a traveling group of Israeli teen singers, and by Moshe Yess.

For more information, call (416) 665-7936.

Downtowners can try new fitness trail

TORONTO —
Fitness enthusiasts in the downtown core area have a fitness trail they can call their own.

It's a 5-kilometre network of roads and parks with exercise stations set up to give everyone — families or fitness buffs — the opportunity to tone up your muscles.

Called the Doctors Hospital Fitness Trail, the route winds through the heart of the city's cosmopolitan neighborhoods, including Kensington Market, Little Italy and Portugal Village.

It is bounded by Spadina, Harbord, Shaw and just south of Dundas.

Eight parks containing special equipment are located in intervals averaging .5 km along the route. The equipment is found in Alexandra Park, Margaret Fairley Park, Healey Willan Park, Harbord Park, Fred Hamilton Playground, Trinity Bellwoods Park, Sonya's Park and Bellevue Square.

A designated area within each park is marked by a distinctive, oval shaped sign in blue, green and red illustrating the recommended exercises to be performed at that exercise station, as well as a map of the entire Fitness Trail.

The Trail is the brainchild of former Doctors Hospital vice-president Paul Biggin and is a cooperative project of the hospital, Sun Life of Canada and the City of Toronto's Parks and Recreation Department.

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Convention at University of Toronto

Judaism and vegetarianism session scheduled

TORONTO —

A plenary session on Judaism and Vegetarianism, Friday, Aug. 7 at 2.45 p.m., will be a highlight of the upcoming Vegetarianism — A Taste of Tomorrow convention at the University of Toronto Aug. 5-9.

The convention is sponsored by the Toronto Vegetarian Association in cooperation with the International Vegetarian Union and the magazine Vegetarian Times.

Also on the agenda is a Friday evening vegetarian dinner, possibly at a downtown synagogue. Rabbi Noach Valley, who leads a Conservative congregation in New Jersey, will participate in the closing panel Sunday of vegetarian religious leaders.

Judaism plenary participants will include Valley, New York mathematician Richard Schwartz, and Jonathan Wolf, an Orthodox Jew who gives a course about Jewish values in vegetarianism at New York's Lincoln Square Synagogue and heads the 1,200-member International Vegetarian Society.

The convention will also include:

- Keynote addresses by Vegetarian Times editor Paul Obis and author athlete Peter Burwash.
- Breakfast, dinners, and a gourmet banquet.
- Demonstrations, videos, films and slide shows.
- Seminars, lectures, tours and publications.
- A cooperatively run children's centre.

Topics to be discussed include exercise, animal rights, food irradiation, natural hygiene, and ecology.

Cost per adult for a full conference package including accommodation and meals is $325 double occupancy, $365 single; for registration, lunches and dinner, $225. Other packages are available.

For more information, phone the TVA at (416) 785-0677.

CHAT students excel in scholastic contests

TORONTO —

A commitment to academic excellence at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto is reflected in superlative results achieved by its students in recent scholastic contests.

According to the school newsletter, CHAT students have achieved high scores in both national and international mathemetics and chemistry competitions.

- In the Pascal (mathematics) Contest for grade 9 students, 11 CHAT students placed in the top 25% in Canada. Top students were Shelli Baltman, Yoram Lithwick and Brian Cohen.
- In the Cayley (mathematics) Contest for grade 10 students, 14 students placed in the top 25% in Canada. Top students were Dan Magder, Hart Heller and Alon Farkas.
- In the Fermat (mathematics) Contest for grade 11 students, 12 students placed in the top 25% in Canada. Top students were Darren Suckonic, David Wolfe and David Wolgelerenter.
- In the Euclid (mathematics) Contest for grade 12 students, 3 students placed in the top 15% in Canada: Hillel Soberman, Jamie Galombek and Ray Wyman.
- In the Descartes (mathematics) Contest, CHAT placed 14 out of 656 schools. Top students from CHAT were Michael Tylman, 10th in Canada; Howard Borenstein, among the top 2%; and David Lederer, among the top 15%.

CHAT students also excelled in an international chemistry test. The school's team of 33 placed first in a contest written by more than 6,000 students in their final year of high school.

Ten students from the school placed in the top 5%, were awarded prizes and offered $500 fellowships at the University of Toronto or Waterloo.

Top CHAT student was Steve Mayer. Other prize winners in order of finish were: Gil Schreier, Michael Tylman, Jonathan Glass, Aaron Schimmer, Noam Goodman, Russell Goldman, Howard Borenstein, Leonard Perl and Debbie Elman.

Besides displaying excellence in scholastic competition, nine students among the 1987 graduating class of 77 students achieved a grade of 90% or better. Total student enrolment at CHAT for 1986-87 was 542. Enrolment for 1987-88 is expected to jump to 640.

Ontario maids are to receive overtime pay

TORONTO —

All full-time domestics and nannies in Ontario will be entitled to standard overtime pay effective Oct. 1, Ontario Labor Minister Bill Wrye recently announced.

"The new regulations place these employees on the same legal footing as other wage-earners in two key respects — overtime pay and the minimum wage," Wrye told the Legislature in outlining changes to the Employment Standards Act which are expected to affect almost 20,000 people employed as live-in domestics.

"The measures also seek to clarify and regularize working relationships between employers and domestics."

Under existing legislation, only domestics living outside the household qualify for extra compensation for hours worked in excess of 44 hours a week. Live-in domestics are now excluded from the overtime provisions of the Act.

Must get 1½ times hourly rate

Starting in October, all full-time live-in domestics, full-time live-out domestics and nannies will have to be paid 1½ times the regular hourly rate for each hour worked in excess of 44 hours a week.

In lieu of overtime pay, employers and domestics may agree to compensation in the form of time off at the rate of 1½ hours off for each overtime hour worked.

"This provision is intended to give recognition to overtime worked by domestic employees and, at the same time, to discourage the scheduling of excessively long hours," Wrye said.

Records will be required

The new regulations eliminate daily, weekly and monthly wage minimums for domestics in favor of the provincial hourly minimum wage. The minimum wage will be $4.55 an hour and $3.70 an hour for students under 18.

Wrye said the minimum wage was changed as it currently discriminates against employees working longer hours. He said an employee now working 10 hours a day might only receive the daily minimum based on eight hours. The hourly minimum wage will ensure that domestics are compensated for the full 10 hours, he said.

For the first time, part-time domestics working less than 24 hours a week will qualify for the minimum wage.

Other provisions will require employers to keep records of hours worked by domestic workers and to provide employees with written particulars of employment, setting out hours of work and hourly rate of pay.

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Alexander Reda Designs of Toronto presents this 100% cotton summer striped shirt dress (right), and an alternative striped pants and cap with black shirt. (Ronny Shinder photo)

A full-skirted look for fall from designer Klara Piko.

Coat reverses for different look

The fall collection of Winnipeg designer, Klara Piko features excitement in her reversible coat line.

Indigo fox trim exudes the rich Russian patriach look on one side, while the other invites the gorgeous geisha influence.

Her sport line, designed in true European style, features the sensuous feeling of Africa in brick, black, beige and taupe, designed in luxurious Lamous.

Piko's killer cobra and lion cat artistry creates a mysterious excitement in fashion wearables.

Brick with navy, taupe with teal and navy with white all enhance the haute couture segment for Piko. Asymmetrical detailing in flat and textured fabrics enhance hip definition and circle skirt styling.

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Geared to business women

Styles feminine, functional

By
LORI SMITH

Toronto designer Annabelle Hoffman's premiere fall and winter dress collection should delight professional women around the country.

The 20-piece group is composed of a number of styles in 100% wool, crepe, faille, jersey and double-knit. Colors include navy, royal, black and eggplant.

Hoffman, who worked for several years as a buyer and also as a merchandise manager, says that the line is geared to women who are confident of their looks and want to be well-dressed.

"These are dresses for the boardroom. When everyone is counting on you, you don't want to be worrying about your slip showing.

A dramatic, draped dress in teal or black for the professional woman. From the Annabelle Hoffman collection for fall and winter 87.

"And these dresses travel well, stand up to a lot of wear and are classics. They are for women who don't want to wear clothes that will take away from their personality."

Hoffman says that her own experience in the workforce and the problems she had finding clothes influenced the concept and design of the collection.

"I found there was a vacuum in this particular section of the market. I could find dresses in Europe but not in Canada.

"Also, I started as a buyer when I was quite young and felt I had to wear suits to be taken seriously. But, I don't want to look like one of the boys."

She says that a woman can take advantage of her personality and looks in business. Business is, after all, primarily about people, not numbers.

"Women don't have to come on with a straight, heavy approach. What's the old saying? You can get more with honey...."

The dresses in the collection are all generously cut, functional, feminine, fashionable and when possible, have pockets.

The line includes a simple, elegant dress in 100% wool faille that features a straight skirt, 3-inch belt, raglan sleeves and buttons half-way down the back.

Another design falls to mid-calf, has a cross-over, draped top and a more than full circle skirt. A third knee-length style has a corselet waist and raglan sleeves. A fourth dress is a simple, classic, double-breasted wrap.

In Toronto the Annabelle Hoffman line is available at Bottega Bertolucci, Linda Cherry and Touche. The sales agent for the collection is Andre's Fashion Agency.

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Paris show to use lasers

"Fashion Olympics" is announced

By
LORI SMITH

French fashion designer Daniel Hechter was in Toronto last week to announce the details of the second Festival International de la Mode to be held on September 19, 1987 in Paris.

Hechter described the event as the Olympics of fashion; an international festival that will feature the work of designers from 32 different countries.

"The runway will be 300 meters long. About 1000 models will be used and 200,000 to 300,000 people will watch the show."

He says that the show will not only feature the runway but giant video screens to facilitate viewing. In addition, one billion people are expected to view the show on television.

One of the most unique features of the show will be the use of fireworks and laser beam technology as a means of set direction.

The background of the open runway are the twin buildings of the Palais de Chaillot. These buildings are being fitted with special window covers so laser images can be splashed on them. Similarly, the large metal net will be strung between them so the laser beams can be seen.

The runway itself goes through the Gardens of the Trocadero and the Eiffel Tower provides a visual end to the area.

The show, which is being organized by La Federation Francaise de la Couture, du Pret a Porter, des Couturiers et des Createurs de Mode, La Federation Francaise du Pret-a-Porter Feminin, La Federation Francaise du Pret-a-Porter Masculin and Le Defi, is divided into four parts: Africa, Asia, the United States and South and Central America and finally, Europe.

Hechter said that one of his main reasons for coming to Canada to promote the show was the lack of response from any Canadian delegation.

He said that the initial invitation to join in the show had been sent to the Canadian Embassy in Paris and that the Festival's organizers were unaware of an official professional organization in Canada that they could contact.

He explained that in many of the other countries panels of fashion journalists had picked the designers that would represent their country. He added that the invitation to participate in the show remained open until the end of July.

The one-evening extravaganza currently includes designs from most of the European countries, Hong Kong, Thailand, The People's Republic of China, Japan and Cuba. It is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m. on September 19 and will run just short of two hours.

Hechter explained that each country needed an organization to put their segment of the show together and that each garment shown would cost $1,000, a charge that would basically cover the model's fee.

He also emphasized that countries, not designers, would be showcased.

He added that Paris was chosen as the site of the show because of its reputation and tradition as being the international capital of fashion. However, he said that in the upcoming years the festival would be presented in other cities around the world and that Tokyo would probably be the site of the third Festival International de la Mode.

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Sombre colors, strong styles mark Italian designers' lines

By
LORI SMITH

Strong, body-conscious clothes dominated Granby Fashion Ltd.'s preview of Italian styles for this fall and winter.

The agency, located in the newly opened fashion building at 662 King St. W., is the Canadian distributor of approximately 17 lines of men's and women's clothing from Italy.

For the show, owner Fabio Cavaggioni chose to feature the collections by Krizia, Fiori Chiari, Luisa Betti and Segno by Luciano Soprani. And, if these four lines are representative of the season's fashion trends, fall and winter is going to be a very sombre season.

Gray, black, green, navy and khaki were the ruling shades. Only a group of knit garments in turquoise by Krizia brightened the scene like a lightning bolt of color.

These understated, elegant, subdued colors were echoed in the silhouettes of the garments. Styles were minimalist but very strong. Shoulders were often aggressively rounded and the contours of many of the clothes followed and emphasized the shape of the body.

This spareness of style and color engendered two distinct attitudes: 1) discreet elegance and 2) almost para-military uniformity. The former tone was epitomized by a swirling, long, black-skirted eveningdress with a hip length lurex top which was featured in the Segno line by Luciano Soprani.

The latter feeling was present to some degree in nearly all the collections but Krizia's jumpsuits and separates, particularly a group in gray cotton, looked like ensembles a fashion police unit might wear.

However, the surprise of the evening was Sopriano's group of distinctly tailored, menswear style suits for women. The jackets, pants and coats were square-shouldered, power looks softened only by feminine blouses.

They are looks that are dramatic, strong and practical. Perhaps unnecessarily so.

On the plus side, the simplicity of color and design combined to form garments that, while striking on their own, also made excellent backdrops for the season's unusual, dramatic and sparingly used accessories, which were supplied for the show by the Isobelle Grossman Agency.

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Sells direct to consumer

Firm cuts cost of silk items

By
LORI SMITH

Silk is one of the world's most luxurious and desired fabrics.

And now, thanks to Mary Villamagna, the owner and driving force behind Silkintimates, it is a luxury more women can afford.

Villamagna created Silkintimates, a company that markets a line of silk garments through home parties, last September.

She says she started the company because she was sure there were women, like herself, who loved the touch and comfort of silk but were unable to indulge their passion.

"There aren't that many stores that sell silk lingerie and loungewear and it tends to be very expensive. Also, most women think it is difficult and costly to care for."

She decided that by marketing her line directly to the consumer through the home party system she could keep her prices relatively low while maintaining a high standard of workmanship and quality of fabric. In addition, the home party system would permit her to educate her customers about the proper care of silk.

The Silkintimates collection currently includes camisoles, tap pants, underwear, teddies, half-slips, tunic-style night shirts and a lounge set that consists of a simple, elegant tunic top and pull-on pants with a tapered leg.

All of these garments are made of top quality crepe de chine and can be ordered with or without lace trim. The colors used in the line are basic: black, ivory, royal blue and rose.

In addition, the company offers a trousseau line which is made in silk satin and features more lace detail than the basic collection.

"We do home parties for brides and do up gift baskets for brides, the bride and groom and for members of the bridal party."

Silkintimates also offers silk boxer shorts for men. These are cleverly packaged in a black, satiny boxing glove and are currently available in black, royal and ivory. They are the one item from the company that is carried by a retailer—Senor Angelo.

An assortment of sachets, scented drawer liners, scented hangers and lingerie bags completes the collection. Due to increased demand, Villamagna, who designs the products as well as marketing them, plans to develop new lines of lingerie and of loungewear. Kimonos, pyjama-style ensembles and full-slips are currently on the drawing board.

Villamagna says that a woman can not really appreciate how wonderful silk feels until she tries it on.

"Some polyesters can duplicate the look and texture of silk but they aren't natural fibres. Silk can breathe properly and it is very comfortable—cool in summer and warm in winter. And it feels luxurious. There's no doubt about that," she says.

For those women who feel it is too fragile a fabric to care for, Villamagna says that it is actually a very strong fibre that can last for centuries.

But, she adds that harsh detergents and exposure to strong sunlight will destroy it.

She advises women to clean their silk garments by soaking them for three or four minutes in cold water and a mild detergent or shampoo and then letting cold water run through them to remove the soap and then to gently squeeze excess moisture.

"Wringing can damage the fabric. I think that the best way to remove the water is to lay the garment flat on a towel and roll it up. Then hang up the garment or do some touch-up ironing—using a cool iron—while it is still damp. You can practically wash and wear silk in 20 minutes."

In addition to the silk line, Villamagna offers a collection of eel-skin products including shoes, wallets and handbags, through the home party system.

These items are available in a range of colors including black, royal, red, pink, brown, beige, gray and wine. The shoes come in sizes 4 to 12.

Villamagna says that in order to keep the prices of these items down women must place orders and wait approximately six weeks for delivery.

For more information about Silkintimates home parties, joining the sales staff or being a hostess call Mary Villamagna at 235-1219.

Susan Ioi designed this white taffeta outfit featuring velvet and lurex flocking and a circular skirt with full crinoline. Available at Zakura in Toronto. (Ronny Shinder photo)

Ricci's nose scents winning fragrance

The L'Air du Temps Lalique Double Dove perfume presentation is known world wide as a romantic and classic piece of art. To enhance the beauty of this Nina Ricci fragrance line, a new presentation has been created.

The new look for the successful international fragrance was created and developed by Robert Ricci in France. The feminine circular bottle, with its intricately designed doves, is topped with a detailed gold crown. This striking new encasing houses the L'Air du Temps Eau de Parfume and Eau de Toilette.

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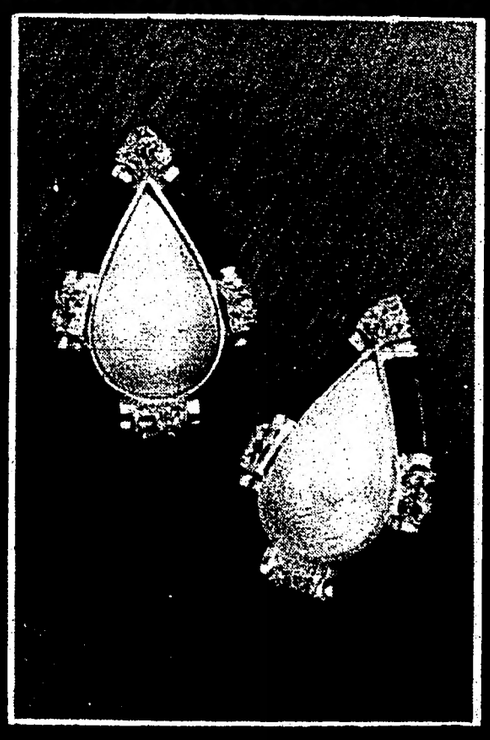

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"A scandal of evil for evil's sake"

Holocaust at core of Fackenheim's outspoken essays

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By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Jewish Thought of Emil Fackenheim. A reader edited by Michael L. Morgan. Wayne State University Press, $23.95 (paper).

Here, in his own words, is the heart of Rabbi Emil Fackenheim's message to his fellow Jews and the reiterated motif of this book.

"At Auschwitz, Jews came face to face with absolute evil. They were and still are singled out by it, but in the midst of it they hear an absolute commandment: Jews are forbidden to grant posthumous victories to Hitler. They are commanded to survive as Jews, lest the Jewish people perish. They are commanded to remember the victims of Auschwitz, lest their memory perish. They are forbidden to despair of man and his world, and to escape into either cynicism or otherworldliness, lest they cooperate in delivering the world over to the forces of Auschwitz. Finally, they are forbidden to despair of the God of Israel, lest Judaism perish.

"A secularist Jew cannot make himself believe by a mere act of will, nor can he be commanded to do so; yet he can perform the commandment of Auschwitz. And a religious Jew who has stayed with his God may be forced into new, possibly revolutionary, relationships with him. One possibility, however, is wholly unthinkable. A Jew may not respond to Hitler's attempt to destroy Judaism by himself cooperating in its destruction."

The author, admired scholar and theologian, for 30 years professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto, reminds us unremittingly that the Holocaust was a unique event. It was unparalleled in its ferocity, an end in itself, implemented not by "sadists or perverts" but by "ordinary jobholders." Directed by idealists whose "ideals" were torture and death. It was a scandal of evil for evil's sake that resists both national and religious explanation. "The very attempt to find one is blasphemous."

The desperate dilemma we face after Auschwitz is this: "Dare we morally raise Jewish children, exposing our offspring to a possible second Auschwitz decades or centuries hence? And dare we religiously not raise Jewish children, completing Satan's work on his behalf?"

This review was written on June 25, the day that the Pope granted an audience to Kurt Waldheim. Fackenheim quotes Beate Klarsfeld's striking statement, "If only Pope Pius XII had come to Berlin in 1933 and told the Nazis 'Ich bin ein Jud,' millions might have been spared. Instead, it was a Catholic President (John F. Kennedy), who told the Communists he was a Berliner." In decrying the present Pope's meeting with Yasser Arafat Fackenheim asks, "Would the Pope meet with the IRA? Yet the IRA does not seek to destroy Britain."

Fackenheim, in these thoughtful and outspoken essays, discusses such subjects as the radical evil of Auschwitz, Jewish-Christian dialogue, anti-semitism, the meaning of the State of Israel, God and Jewish existence after the Holocaust. Some of the essays, somewhat more philosophical in nature, deal with the eclipse of God, the nature of revelation and the enduring ideas of Martin Buber and Franz Rosenzweig.

A final section of the book entitled, "Autobiographical Reflections" contains a recent interview with Fackenheim that describes his German background and how he made his way to Canada. For five years he served as rabbi of Temple Anshe Sholom in Hamilton. He writes, "My greatest satisfaction was with the children. I also learned a lot about public relations, because I was the chairman of the public relations committee of the Jewish community. They always put Reform rabbis in this job, because they can talk to the goyim."

The editor, a professor of Jewish Studies at Indiana University, has provided useful introductions to each of the book's sections, as well as an up-to-date Fackenheim bibliography.

The questions raised in this seminal anthology have for over four decades agitated the mind of one of the most astute and impassioned Jewish thinkers of our time. They deserve our most serious and profound consideration.

Kahane depicts a crumbling Israel

Journey into a debased world

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Any two paragraphs in his Uncomfortable Questions for Comfortable Jews (Lyle Stuart/General Publishing, $27.95) will demonstrate why controversial Rabbi Meir Kahane is becoming today's foremost prophet of doom.

Citing a stream of Israeli news reports rarely appearing in the Western media, the Kach leader depicts that country as crumbling morally, spiritually and physically. He assigns the blame in no uncertain terms to Westernized Jewish leaders in Israel and abroad. In the process, he turns many a cherished belief on its head.

The offence he gives is compounded by his solution: the unflinching application of religious Jewish law throughout the State of Israel, and the suppression of all Arab calls for autonomy, by expulsion, if necessary. Almost off-handedly, he scores Diaspora Jews for living outside Israel, at the risk of imminent "terrible tragedy."

His accusations are leveled at just about every single Jew in the world today, including you and me.

Articles culled from Israeli newspapers depict Israel as the land of easy sex, where Jewish girls and women submit for pay or freely to Arabs, UN soldiers and kibbutz volunteers from Europe.

• The Jerusalem Post (April 20, 1986) reported that Haifa University's kibbutz research centre found a serious problem emerging over the past five years in the identity of some 1,200 children of 739 mixed kibbutz couples in which the non-Jewish mother has not converted. The former, technically non-Jews, are "jeopardizing the Jewish character of the kibbutz," the report concludes. In one Artzi kibbutz, 13% of its members are not Jewish.

• Yediot Aharonot (Feb. 6, 1986) — "A group of young Israelis, mostly from elite units of the IDF, have established a commune in Spain . . . where they continue to practice a sensual way of life as their late guru Rina Shein ordered in her will."

• Arab pimps wait at the Tel Aviv Central Bus Station to offer "help and financial assistance" to young Jewish girls from moshavim and poor development towns, Kahane claims.

• Many Jewish women, many of them married, live with Arabs. More than 4,000 Jewish women, Kahane claims, are married to Arabs, with many living in Arab villages, having converted to Islam. Their children are "raised as Arabs, speak Arabic, and hate Israel."

• Two UN soldiers from Barbados tell a reporter from Haaretz (April 30, 1981) that "in our country girls are not as free as in Israel . . . We were not used to a girl chasing a boy or a girl willing to go to bed with a man that she only met two or three hours earlier . . . But we got used to it."

Kahane musters newspaper reports on extensive cult activity and on blatant and not so blatant missionizing efforts unrestricted by the authorities.

An immigrant from Georgia, whose son was accosted by missionaries outside his school, laments: "Who heard about missionaries in the Soviet Union? Here, in our own land, I have to fear such a thing?"

The Arab birth rate, one of the highest in the world, threatens the Jewish demography of Israel, Kahane says. Calls to cede away Judea and Samaria — something to which the Rabbi is violently opposed — will provide only temporary breathing space because Arabs are reproducing much more quickly than Jews in Israel's pre-1967 borders as well, he adds.

Money from "wealthy Arab countries and even the PLO" are used to help Arabs in the Galil "acquire land, property, homes and stores" from already isolated Jewish enclaves, former MK Ranaan Naim told the Israel weekly Yoman HaShavua (Oct. 29, 1982). "It is as if there is an Ishmaelite National Fund organization to acquire lands and Jewish property just as once the Jewish National Fund did," said Naim.

Arab interests, according to reports cited by Kahane bought control of large tracts of farm lands in Israel, for a significant input in the country's agriculture. Typical, he says, is a report in Davar (May 25, 1986), in which a Jericho merchant "offered members of moshav Massuah to cover the $10 million debt of the moshav in return for the right to use their land and water."

The newspaper Hadashot (Aug. 8, 1984) reported that "some $400 million has been transferred by the PLO to the territories between the years 1979-83."

Increasingly, Arabs taunt, stone, assault and rape Jews, according to the reports that Kahane quotes. Israeli Arabs employ their higher education acquired in the state to articulate the destruction of the state's Jewish component.

Kahane's new book is bound to add to the controversy that surrounds him. Readers will not come away from it unaffected.

Superficiality mars Devil in the Flesh

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

If *Devil in the Flesh* is what passes for Italian cinema today, Italy's film industry must be ailing.

Directed by Marco Bellocchio, *Devil in the Flesh* is based on a 1923 novel about a French schoolboy's affair with an older women whose husband was serving his country in World War I.

Bellocchio has altered the plot somewhat. In his version of events, Andrea (Frederico Pitzalis), a resolute 18-year-old student, falls madly in love with Giula (Maruschka Detmers), a slightly older woman who is engaged to be married to Giacomo (Ricardo de Torrebruna), a repentant left-wing terrorist.

Andrea's passion for Giula is obsessive. He cannot get her out of his mind. He even climbs walls to be with her.

Giula, though not as starstruck, nevertheless risks her relationship with Giacomo in order to be near Andrea.

Devil in the Flesh is marred by the superficiality of its characters. Giula is supposedly mad, or so we are told by Andrea's father, a mentally wobbly psychiatrist. But no such evidence exists to support his supposition. She may be wild and irresponsible, but mad? Hardly.

Giula, an alluring sexual creature, never comes alive as a person. Andrea, too, remains a cipher. We learn nothing about his personality or his motives.

Only Giacomo reveals himself. But in his drive to jettison his political past and embrace "complete bourgeois conformity," he becomes a parody of himself.

Devil in the Flesh also moves too slowly. And there are moments when it is insufferably pretentious.

The film, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is quite explicit, particularly when Giula performs an act of fellatio on Andrea. Given the staid record of the Ontario Film and Video Review Board, it is astonishing that this sequence was cleared uncut. But the scene is not really titillating, merely surprising.

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Ceramics on display at Koffler Gallery

Work of Raku "pioneers" offers range of expression

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
While the glare of a hot summer sun blazes outside, the work of four ceramicists fills the Koffler Gallery with the richly subtle, muted colors and forms of Raku.

Raku then and now, organized by the Koffler, recently returned from showings at Canada House in London and the Museum of Decorative Art and Design in Helsinki. The show continues to Aug. 20.

Raku is created through a special form of firing the clay and glaze resulting in uniquely individual pieces. Its origins lie in late 16th century Japan where it was first used to create simple and elegant tea bowls for the tea ceremony.

According to gallery literature, Raku takes its name from the Rikyu family who designed the first tea bowls, which were said to reflect the meditative, harmonious appreciation of nature. Raku means ease or enjoyment.

Knowledge of Raku only came to the West in the early 20th century with the publication of British potter Bernard Leach's A Potter's Book. From England it spread to the U.S., making its appearance in Canada in the late 60s and early 70s.

The four ceramicists whose Raku is displayed, Walter Dexter, Monique Ferron, Agnes Olive and Christopher Thompson (who teaches at the Koffler), are said to be Canadian pioneers.

Almost all of the work they have produced has departed from the origins of Raku — only Agnes Olive makes direct reference to the tea ceremony — to adopt a "fine art" approach.

And divorced from religious association, the 58 pieces vary widely, from decorative "vases" intended for show rather than use; to abstract wall works turning to animal forms for inspiration; to primitive artifact-like works incorporating arcane elements like moose teeth; to sophisticated larger scale pieces with attention to surface pattern and detail.

There is also a range of individual expression in the specific formal treatment, from richly moody and muted colorings and soft slab-like shapes to sharper forms and false patina of oxidized metal.

If the work no longer speaks of religious practice, it still reflects a reverent attention to craft in a medium held to be unpredictable. In a summer season that is sometimes too bright and too loud, Raku then and now offers a quiet escape.

Though the Koffler is a public gallery, the works on display are for sale with prices ranging from $250 to $2,500.

For more information on viewing and purchasing, phone education officer Sandra Slossel at (416) 636-2145.

Dexter 2 by Walter Dexter is one of many pieces on display in the Raku than and now exhibit at the Koffler Gallery.

JPL discovers rare lithographs

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
A rare set of lithographs on the Passover Chad Gadya theme by Russian artist El Lissitzky has been discovered in the archives of the Jewish Public Library. It is one of only a few surviving copies of an edition of 75 published in Kiev in 1919.

One of the other sets sold in 1985 for 52,000 pounds (more than $94,000 Cdn. at the time) at a Christie's auction in London. This Chad Gadya was among the first Russian avant garde works to be condemned and destroyed as "bourgeois relics" during the Stalin era, according to the catalogue accompanying that auction.

The head of the JPL's Yiddish department, Zachary Baker, not usually one given to exuberance, can barely contain his awe at this find and great relief that the Chad Gadya has at last been professionally preserved with the assistance of the Canadian Centre for Architecture.

Baker found the lithographs while going through the many boxes of unsorted Yiddish material in the JPL's archives, recognizing their value immediately. "It probably has been in the library's possession for decades. The library moved several times and much of its materials were never unboxed. We have no idea where this Chad Gadya came from."

The portfolio consists of 11 brightly colored plates depicting the verse traditionally sung at the conclusion of the seder, a title page and two panels of what was apparently a 3-sided wrap-around dustcover. While the cover is grimy and badly deteriorated, the inside leaves appear in good condition, their colors still bright.

The Canadian Centre for Architecture, a museum and study centre with a major collection of architectural archives, donated the services of its conservator library collections Terry Rempel to the JPL. Each leaf has been encased between a board support and a clear cover, and the whole portfolio is kept in a custom-made rare book box.

Despite their appearance, the lithographs are, in fact, very fragile and any wet type of preservation treatment was not recommended.

El (Lazar) Lissitzky, who lived from 1890 to 1941, is not as well known as his friend Marc Chagall, although some of their work is comparable, both men having been influenced by Jewish folk art, which can be seen in the Chad Gadya. In 1919, Lissitzky became a professor of architecture and graphic arts at the Vitebsk Academy of Art, directed by Chagall.

One of the country's greatest poster artists, Lissitzky's banner symbolizing the victory of the Reds over the Whites was displayed by the first Soviet government in Red Square.

Lissitzky is considered a leading exponent of the Russian art movement known as constructivism, which attempted to harmonize art with Marxist theory. Angered by the Soviet government's hostility to some of his more radical artistic ideas, Lissitzky left the country and lived and worked in Western Europe in the early 20s. Upon his return, he was employed by the government to design pavilions at a number of international exhibitions abroad.

The JPL will display the Chad Gadya on special occasions only, said Baker. "The preservation housings it is in now will only slow further deterioration by protecting it from abrasion and completely free of acid," he said.

For the time being, the JPL has no intention of relinquishing the Chad Gadya, likely its most valuable holding, to a museum or other institution which has the facilities to preserve it.

Poor script leaves Dragnet wanting

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
We all remember Jack Webb, the hardboiled television detective who hunted down criminals with enviable aplomb in that hugely successful series, *Dragnet*.

Webb, as Joe Friday, was the opposite of the shambling, somewhat sloppy Colombo (Peter Falk). He was a supremely poised, no-nonsense fellow who got to the heart of the matter very quickly.

Nostalgic memories of Webb naturally come to mind in *Dragnet*, a variation on the theme now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres.

Tom Mankiewicz's updated version, starring that talented duo, Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks, is hardly as serious. The sombre "dum-de-dum-dum" tone of the old serial is gone, replaced by a lightheartedspoof.

Aykroyd, a Canadian, portrays Joe Friday's nephew, a straitlaced, uptight cop who can't abide his partner, the hip, streetwise Streebek (Hanks).

Friday, famous for the laconic phrase "just the facts, ma'am," and Streebek do battle against PAGAN (People Against Goodness and Normalcy), a sinister organization that seeks to take control of Los Angeles.

The two are up against Jerry Caesar (Dabney Coleman), a softcore porn king obviously modelled after Hugh Hefner, and Whirley (Christopher Plummer), an ambitious priest whose motives are less than godly.

Secondary characters include the gorgeous, dewy-eyed Connie Swail (Alexandra Paul) with whom Friday falls in love, and Jane Kirkpatrick (Elizabeth Ashley), the police commissioner who is up to no good.

Filmed in the lush surroundings of Los Angeles and environs, *Dragnet* is only a pale immitation of a first-class comedy. Sure, the laughs tumble out on appropriate occasions, but they are rather strained. All too often, we wait in vain for a moment of genuine comic relief.

Aykroyd is excellent, the perpetual scowl on his face like a badge of honor. Hanks, smarmy and smart, puts on yet another stellar performance.

Unfortunately, the script they have to work with is less than scintillating.

Dan Aykroyd (left) stars as the namesake nephew of legendary police detective Joe Friday with Tom Hanks as his streetwise partner, Pep Streebek.

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Arts

Musical revue has wiggles, giggles and jiggles

Beehive will appeal to fans of bouncy girly shows

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
Right off, let me issue two warnings to theatregoers over the age of 45 who go to see *Beehive*, the Off Broadway musical revue co-starring six female singers, playing until Sept. 5 at the Royal York Hotel's Imperial Room:

First, you may be bewildered by the show, which is named after the teased-up bouffant wigs worn by female vocalists in the 1960s, bearing such group names as the Shirelles, the ShangriLas and the Supremes.

It may appear to be a confused blur of mounds and mounds of hair soaring increasingly high from cathedrals to veritable Mount Everests; followed by oodles and oodles of spangles; plus lots of wiggles and giggles and jiggles; and reaching the point where you can't tell a teenybopper from a "sheboob, baby, shebooer" or a "doo-wah-doo-wah-dooer."

Second, your middle-aged eardrums may be popping and your graying head ringing after being subjected for more than 2½ hours to 41 songs, each with a pounding rock beat.

The onslaught is relentless and may seem monotonous.

On the other hand, if you're a Yuppie who has not yet reached 45, you'll probably have a lot of fun, identifying with these hairy impersonators and bathing in prepubescent nostalgia.

Personally, I was oscillating somewhere in between these two extreme responses.

In the first act of the revue, I was bored out of my skull. I couldn't tell whether that was supposed to be Brenda Lee, Annette Funicello or Connie Frances at a pyjama party wailing, *It's My Party And I'll Cry If I Want To.*

For me, the show came alive in the second half toward the end of the 60s decade, when the beehive bouffants gradually descended to anthills and the silly dating songs finally became more gutsy.

I particularly liked Louise Pitre (who was so sensational playing the lead in the recent Leah Posluns Theatre production of *Applause*, doing a thrilling version of Janis Joplin's bluesy blasters, *Me And Bobby McGee* and *Piece Of My Heart.*

Camilla Scott (a splendid Evita Peron in the Limelight Dinner Theatre's *Evita*) was equally splendid here pouring out her heart in *A Natural Woman.*

Victoria Snow (a graduate of the Shaw Festival's *The Women*) had me tapping my feet in her peppy rendition of *Downtown* a la Petula Clark. And Sandra Caldwell, a singer hitherto unknown to me, recently featured in a U.S. production of *Dream Girls*, has a magnificent stage presence and a mordant wit as demonstrated in her lampoon of all the mini-skirted screamers as she sang *I Dream About Frankie.*

Beehive is obviously for a special audience, and I'm sure co-producers Marlene Smith and Ernie Rubenstein, who made a fortune out of *Cats*, have a winner here for those who like bouncy girly shows.

Come to think of it, even if you are a blue-haired or gray-beard senior, you may like it as a summer cooloff show. Those girls up there on the stage generate enough energy to fuel two female hockey teams. So if you lean back and relax, their rock blasts, though threatening to bowl you over in your rocking chairs, may also blow up a refreshing breeze.

Topped by bouffant beehive hairdos in musical Beehive are (clockwise from left) Camilla Scott, Jo-Ann Brooks, Victoria Snow, Louise Pitre, and Renee Rogers. It's playing at Royal York Hotel's Imperial Room.

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Writer-in-residence new role for Rapoport

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —
Every Thursday morning Janis Rapoport leaves her husband, four children and six cats, gets into the family car and drives 250 kilometres from her home in downtown Toronto to spend three days in St. Thomas, population 29,000.

Poet-playwright Rapoport has been leading this split-scene life since last January when she began a 1-year tenure as writer-in-residence with the St. Thomas Library Board, a first for her and the library.

In Toronto she is a busy wife, mother and writer. In St. Thomas, where she has found accommodation in a lovely century-old house, she conducts writing workshops in fiction and poetry for adults and for children, reads manuscripts, visits schools, speaks to interested groups and participates in local literary events.

Rapoport brings with her impressive writing, editing and publishing credentials.

She was educated at Vaughan Road Collegiate here, Neuchatel Junior College in Switzerland and the University of Toronto where she earned a degree in philosophy.

Her first writing-related jobs were as a verifier for a major British consumer magazine and as a cookbook editor when she was living with her first husband in London.

Janis Rapoport

Bad things and good things were happening. After she lost her first baby in England, she returned with her husband to Toronto. In time they became the parents of a son and two daughters, and now, with her second husband, Douglas Donegani, she has another little girl.

Working as a freelance editor on primary French textbooks, she also did copy editing and wildlife photo captions for other educational publishers.

In the 70s and into the 80s, she juggled several positions, as a CBC story editor, a book reviewer for the Globe and Mail, an editor for Bellhaven House, subsidiary of the English-based Heinemann Educational Books, and with Tamarack, "the literary establishment magazine," which featured such names as Leonard Cohen, Alice Munro and Mordechai Richler.

In 1976 she was a playwright-in-residence at the Banff Centre, where Eric Stein, Sharon Pollock and John Neville worked with her on her early script for Dreamgirls, a play about battered women.

Dreamgirls premiered at Theatre Passe Muraille in 1979 and has been done in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, rural Ontario, Quebec and Prince Edward Island. A segment was produced by TV Ontario as part of its Canadian Literature series.

Rapaport has been writing poetry since she was 13 and her works appear in numerous publications. In its Spring 1987 edition, Poetry Canada Review devotes a full page to a collection of her poems evoking Nova Scotia rural scenes.

For the past five years, with her husband Douglas as publisher, she has edited Ethos, a Canadian-based international cultural magazine, but they have recently suspended publication because of insufficient financial backing.

St. Thomas is not London, England, nor is it Toronto. Rapoport welcomes the difference, the swing from bustling urban streets to wide skies and a less harried pace.

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McKechnie's dancing a humdinger

Ebullience fills Sweet Charity

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Donna McKechnie, in the role of a dancehall hostess named Charity Hope Valentine who is a pushover for love, belts out the brittle, Broadwayish lyrics by Dorothy Fields:

I'm a brassband,
I'm a clarinet,
I'm a modern jazz quartet . . .

She might well have added the line: "I'm a saucy, sexy, brash and garish kamikaze dance."

It would be a more accurate description of the character and the musical itself, *Sweet Charity*, playing until Aug. 15 at the Royal Alexandra Theatre.

It's true that the revival of this prize-winning musical (a hit on Broadway in 1966 starring Gwen Verdon and as a movie in 1973 starring Shirley MacLaine) boasts such stellar behind-the-scenes veterans as Neil Simon writing the book and composer Cy Coleman and lyricist Dorothy Fields creating memorable tunes — the likes of *If My Friends Could see Me Now* and *I Love to Cry At Weddings*.

Nevertheless, this is essentially a dance show, and a glorious, ebullient, razzledazzle specimen of the species it is.

The dances have the unflagging energy and hard-edged ribaldry one would expect. For the choreographer and director of the show in all its incarnations, including the present Royal Alex revival, is none other than Robert Fosse, the epitome of a Broadway dancemaster.

And Donna McKechnie, who won her spurs — and a Tony Award — as the original Cassie in *A Chorus Line*, is a wonderful choice to play the title role.

She doesn't have Shirley MacLaine's moon smile and waifish vulnerability. And her singing voice is acceptable, but nothing to write home about.

But as a dancer, who can be both comic and sensuous, she delivers an all-out, go-for-broke performance that's a humdinger. I've seen nothing to equal it since the part was originally played by Gwen Verdon.

This is perhaps not coincidental, since Verdon, Fosse's ex-wife, is listed in the credits as her ex-husband's assistant in coaching the dance routines.

In any case, McKechnie puts her own stamp on the role. She has a body that seems to be boneless and she can bend it like pretzel. She backflips, jacknifes, pinwheels, and she is so versatile I almost expected her to soar in the air and explode like a Roman candle.

In her role as a "big-hearted broad" yearning for Mr. Right to rescue her from the sleaze of the Fandango Dancehall, she is backed by a superb cast.

They strut their stuff wondrously well in the *Big Spender* dance number.

The hostesses, who are in the "rent-a-body business, where you don't dance, but defend yourself to music," drape themselves over the bar like bosomy praying mantises. Their song may be seductive, as they try to con the male suckers into a dance, but their fake smiles have the sad, steely glint of predators.

Neil Simon has introduced two outstandingly hilarious *shtiklech*. In one scene, our heroine is trapped in the clothes closet of an Italian movie star, forced to act as a keyhole voyeur while the egotistical cad makes love to her blonde rival for his affections.

In another, she is trapped in an elevator with a potential boyfriend, who unfortunately is a neurotic afflicted with claustrophobia.

The show is dated in the sense that the Mr. Right who proposes marriage to her ultimately walks out on her because he is obsessed with the mania of marrying an impossibly angelic virgin who has never had a love affair with a man. Even in the age of AIDS, that plot theme seems excessively oldfashioned.

But there's nothing outdated about the dancing in *Sweet Charity*. On balance, it remains a sweet and succulent honey of a show.

Donna McKechnie is "as exciting as a Roman candle" in the title of Sweet Charity at Royal Alexandra Theatre.

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The company left behind more than 85,000 unsold folios when it closed its doors in the early 1970s. The music was saved by Sidney Rimmer, a part-time cantor who stored the collection for safe-keeping in a garage behind his Boro Park home, confident that some day it would be of interest again.

The existence of the collection was all but forgotten until July, 1986, when it came to the attention of the National Yiddish Book Centre. The centre is an organization which rescues unwanted and discarded Yiddish books and helps to make Yiddish culture accessible to a broad-based constituency.

The centre dispatched a rented truck and several student volunteers, who brought the music to the organization's 18,000-square-foot processing facility in Holyoke, Mass.

News of the music's recovery caused an international sensation. Letters began arriving from around the world, asking when the long-lost material would be made available to libraries and the public.

In response to this demand, the centre established the Mel and Shifra Gold Yiddish Music Project, an initiative to process the collected materials and make Yiddish music come alive for a new generation. The project was supported by a grant from Mel and Shifra Gold of West Orange, NJ.

Professional cataloguers, student interns and volunteers set to work, spending the fall and winter sorting through thousands of folios, researching many of the titles, and putting bibliographic data into a specially designed computer database. Cataloguing was completed in late April, culminating in the publication of the catalogue.

The catalogue groups the music by 23 different subjects, such as Yiddish Theater, Folk Songs, Israel and Zionism, Romance, Songs of Work and Struggle and Cantorial Classics.

All of the sheets are first editions in mint condition, showing only minor signs of aging. Most of the folios are printed in a large format, and include lyrics in the original Hebrew or Yiddish alphabet and in Roman transliteration, together with the music itself. Many folios contain dramatic cover illustrations and other art work which make them suitable for framing.

In keeping with the objectives of the Gold Yiddish Music Project, the music is being sold at nominal cost, to assure its widest possible distribution. Since all items in the catalogue are original first editions, supplies are finite. The centre will give first priority to libraries and sell all remaining folios to individuals on a strictly first-come, first-served basis.

The catalogue is available free of charge from the Mel and Shifra Gold Yiddish Music Project, National Yiddish Book Center, Old East Street School, Amherst, Mass. 01004. The center's phone number is (413) 256-1241.

"Tele-profile" set for Irving Layton

Irving Layton, the controversial Canadian Jewish poet, has agreed to be unmasked in an intimate, 1-hour National Film Board "tele-profile" that will be shown at 8 p.m. July 30 on the CBC television network.

Titled *Poet: Irving Layton Observed*, it focuses on the private man rather than the controversial public figure.

Filmed in Montreal and in Greece, it shows the man in the process of transforming brief moments of his life into words that may last.

In one sequence, Layton watches a woman in radiant dance. Then he himself dances with obvious physical joy. Finally, Layton searches for the lines that will shape this experience into a poem.

"Many people have the romantic idea that a poem just gushes out, and you can't stop yourself," says Layton. But the continued reworking of his lines about the dancer lays bare a selfless struggle with his craft, a commitment that goes beyond self-flatter or indulgence.

Approaching his 75th birthday, Layton has lost none of his vigor. He is preparing two books of his poetry for publication.

Poet: Irving Layton Observed is directed by Donald Winkler. Executive producer is Barrie Howells; producer Bill Brind.

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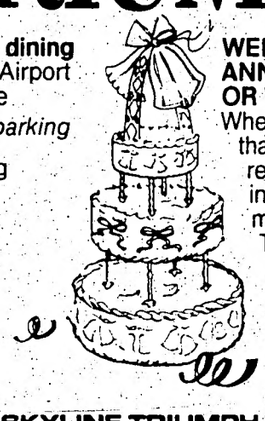

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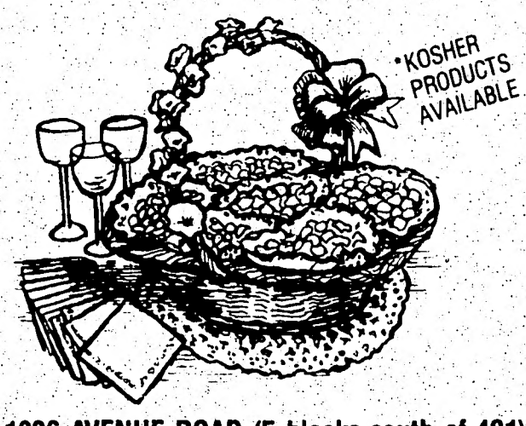

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Travel

St. Moritz wears its many charms self-confidently

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland —

This is the quintessential Swiss resort.

St. Moritz, known to generations of pleasure-seekers as one of Europe's ultimate watering holes, wears its charms very self-confidently, even after all these years.

Like an aristocratic dowager whose intrinsic beauty has hardly been diminished by time, St. Moritz is both a summer and winter resort noted for the opulence of her hospitality.

Host of the 1928 and 1948 winter Olympic Games, St. Moritz attracts a steady stream of tourists, particularly foreigners, who come here partly on the strength of its well-deserved reputation and partly because they've been here before and simply love it.

There is much to admire in this town of 6,000, whose population swells considerably during the peak summer and winter months.

The high season stretches from June until mid-September and again from mid-December to March.

Renowned for the healing qualities of its waters, St. Moritz grew into a major tourist attraction in the 19th century as the first alpine winter resort. But long before man discovered the joys of winter sports, the Romans had established a settlement in St. Moritz, and Paracelsus, the noted Renaissance physician, described the health-giving properties of its natural springs.

The spas of St. Moritz, housed today in modernistic buildings along the rim of a glassy lake 1,856 metres above sea level, cater to sufferers of chronic rheumatism and arthritis as well as neuralgic disorders.

There can be no doubt that the spas accelerated its growth. More than 100 years ago, the bed of the En was altered, thereby preventing the river from destroying the mineral springs which feed the complex of spas.

Everything else fell into place after that.

In 1859, the first of the big luxury hotels was built, and several years later the first toboggan run — the Cresta — was ready for action.

Skiers began to invade St. Moritz soon after construction of the first ski-jumping competition. More than anyone else, Johannes Badrutt — a hotelier with a flair for innovation after whom a centrally-located hotel is named — is credited with having popularized St. Moritz as a year-round resort.

Nestling snugly in the Upper Engadine Valley, and lying in the shadow of two great mountain ranges, St. Moritz is blessed with a dry, sunny climate that enthusiasts fulsomely describe as "champagne weather."

In summer, the main activities are hiking (the marked trails, redolent of pine trees, are fabulous), swimming, fishing, horseback riding, tennis, rowing, sailing, canoeing, golf, jogging, cyling, and believe it or not, summer skiing on Mt. Corvatsch.

Come winter, vacationers have their choice of excellent skiing (the cross-country variety included), skating, bobsledding, windsurfing and, of course, tobogganning.

Shopping fanatics will not be disappointed by the very chic, albeit very expensive, shops in St. Moritz.

Fifty hotels (including a kosher one) serve the tourist trade, of which four are in the exclusive 5-star category. I stayed in the 3-star Waldhaus Am See. A small single room there in the high season is about $120. The view of the lake and the surrounding snow-capped mountains from the hotel's smartly-appointed dining room is nothing if not divine.

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The wonders of the Glacier Express are such that you must reserve a seat in advance of your travels.

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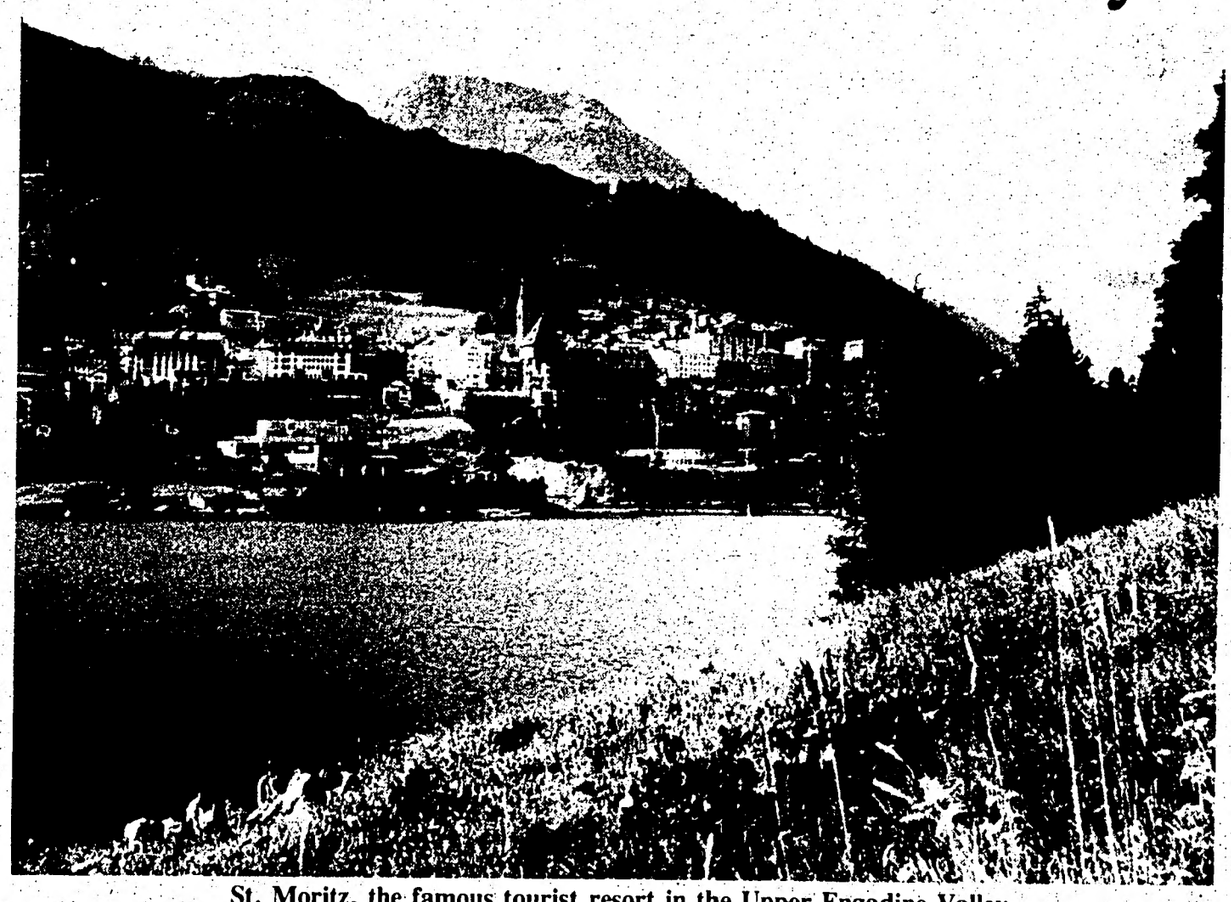
More information can be obtained from the Swiss National Tourist Office in Toronto and Swissair, which has regularly scheduled flights to Zurich from Toronto and Montreal.



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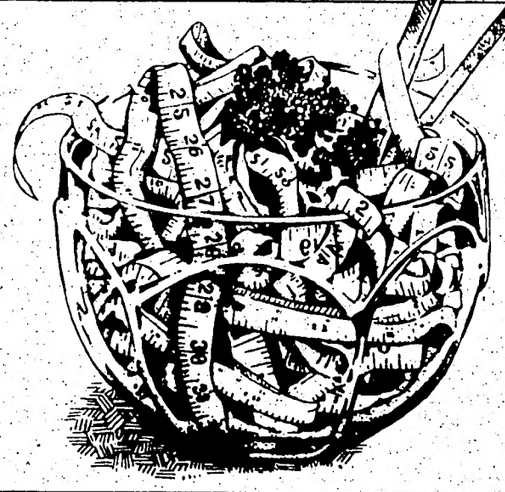

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Lancaster a good place to start tour

Pennsylvania Dutch country enchants

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

LANCASTER, Pa. —

The people of this small city are not averse to telling visitors that for one day Lancaster was the capital of the United States. That was on Sept. 27, 1777, when British troops marched on Philadelphia.

The Continental Congress of the then year-old United States moved with all its records to Lancaster and held a meeting there, before moving even further west until the American War of Independence ended.

Lancaster is a good place to start a tour of the quiet Pennsylvania Dutch countryside, so named for the early religious minorities who settled here to escape from persecution in Germany and Switzerland. The ethnic description Dutch stems from the word Deutsch, which denote people of Germanic stock.

In Lancaster you'll find many original 18th-century row houses and mansions, now fully restored, and reminders that this was part of the British colonies in America, with street names such as King, Queen, Prince and Duke.

As an introduction to the people of this region, you can see The Lancaster Experience, an unusual 36-minute movie of the countryside and life among the Amish farm people. It is shown daily every hour during the summer months at the Pennsylvania Dutch Visitors Bureau, 1799 Hempstead Road, at a small fee.

Along with the Mennonites who came from Germany early in the 18th century, came Jewish immigrants. Isaac Miranda, who emigrated from Italy between 1710 and 1715, settled in the Lancaster area about 1720 to trade with the Indians along the Susquehanna River.

Joseph Simon came from England in 1740 to settle in what is now Lancaster. He was a merchant, traded with Indians and was a silversmith. He lived to be 94 years old, and records show he was a leader of the growing Lancaster Jewish community for many years.

Other Jewish settlers came from New York, Philadelphia and Europe. Lancaster historical records show that the Jewish community there was the fourth to be formed in the United States, after New York, Philadelphia and Newport. Today there are three synagogues in Lancaster.

Amish shun utilities

Pennsylvania Dutch countryside is different from many other rural areas of the United States. Wherever you travel throughout the county, on highways or byways, you will see the horse-drawn carriages of Amish and Mennonites. The former will not use automobiles, only as passengers, and the latter will sometimes have black cars with black-painted bumpers.

As you travel the roads you can tell the Amish farm from that of its neighbors because there are no electric power lines, nor telephone lines, going into buildings. They shun utilities which connect them with the outside world. Mennonite houses use electricity, telephones and other utilities.

Many of the attractions in the region are educational and family oriented. For example, you can tour an Amish farm six miles east of Lancaster, where you will see how the Amish live and operate their farms, raising sheep, canning vegetables and even baking in brick ovens.

Or you can visit a Mennonite farm, Verdant View Farm, 11 miles southeast of Lancaster, where you can watch cows milked with the latest electrical milking equipment, see the latest in farm sanitation developments, and even stay for a few days.

You will have a chance to eat at farm homes and small restaurants serving typical local fare, which includes shoefly and corn pie. Or you can go to such farm homes as Betty Groff's on Pinkerton Road at Mount Joy. She got into the restaurant business because she served 32 aunts and uncles at her first home dinner after being married. They were so satisfied they recommended she start cooking for paying guests, and she has been doing so for years.

Not long ago Lancaster County was a centre of the watchmaking industry. Today you can visit the museum of Watch and Clock Collectors at 514 Poplar St., Columbia. The range of time pieces is from old church tower clocks to the latest in electronic watches.

You will also find here, as this travel reporter did, a miniature railway museum, the Choo Choo Barn at Strasburg. There is even an old-fashioned steam-powered Strasburg Railroad, where you can ride in old wooden coaches between Strasburg and Paradise, a 45-minute return trip.

Lancaster County is an area of farm markets and outlet markets, the latter bargain basement stores for seconds and surplus stock of well-known brands of merchandise.

Your best bet for travelling to the Lancaster area is by car. There are no direct routes by air from southern Ontario but there are coach trips and the roads within and to the area are excellent. There are plenty of small hotels as well as motels of international chains.

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Business Outlook

New line from Golan grapes

Hi-tech helps Israeli wine firm

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Discussing Chateau Golan Wines at a Tel Aviv reception marking their debut are (from left) Rod Bell, Canadian embassy official, Berl Bessin, and Norman Hiller, president of Pepsico Wine and Spirits.

TORONTO — New state of the art equipment will make a Canadian-owned wine company that is already Israel's second largest producer and exporter more competitive than ever.

So said Moshe Kostelitz, Eliaz Binyamina Ltd.'s general manager, on a brief stopover here to introduce Liquor Control Board of Ontario officials to a new line of wines and liqueurs made from Israel's renowned Golan grapes.

Recently installed insulated stainless steel fermentation vats, computer-linked by temperature sensors, "now allow us to make a more precise and clear wine," Kostelitz said in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News.

"As far as we know, it is the latest such equipment in Israel," he said.

White wines require three weeks to ferment at temperatures of 10-12C, he explained. The computer-controlled vats, a system bought from Italy for about $750,000 "will hold the temperature precisely." It will refine the process of red wine making as well.

Chateau Golan cabernet sauvignon, sauvignon blanc and chenin blanc, submitted here for taste and quality control tests to qualify for a berth on LCBO shelves, are the first Eliaz wines to step out of the new vats. Made from grapes grown on the lauded new vineyards of the Golan Heights, the wines are already selling well in Europe, said Kostelitz.

Eliaz has been located in the village of Motza, in the picturesque Judean hills just west of Jerusalem, since 1951. It was named after the founder's son, Eliezer Zeltzer, who was killed in the War of Independence.

"We are Israel's second largest exporter of wine products and liqueurs and its second largest distributor internally," said Berl Bessin, Eliaz president. He and brother Moshe, both based in Toronto, are the members of the Bessin family, which bought the winery in 1976, most active in its operation.

Nachum Grafstein Wines has represented Eliaz in Canada for five years. There are now Eliaz agencies in New York and California. Sales in Europe increase yearly.

"Right now, I'm responding to inquiries from Edmonton," Grafstein told The CJN. "Half of them are from non-Jews." In Ontario, he said, most of Eliaz's slivovitz, an East European-style plum brandy, is bought by non-Jews. "We can't keep up with the demand," said Grafstein.

"About 50% of our sales in Paris are to non-Jews," said Bessin. "In Germany, it's close to 100%."

Eliaz's energetic marketing supplements a production process second to none in Israel, according to Kostelitz.

He describes Eliaz's Lazar Davidovitch as "the best winemaster" in the country. Davidovitch, whose family was one of Romania's leading winemakers, has a degree in onology and "a lot of enthusiasm and dedication," said Kostelitz.

Eliaz has adopted Canadian "work methods, efficiency and an entrepreneural spirit that is shared by the whole staff," he said. "We don't work with one eye on the watch. We stay until the day's job is done, and sometimes come back at night." This, he says, "is also reflected in our customer service and ability to respond quickly to deadlines."

Eliaz wines and liqueurs have every major Israeli rabbinic supervision, including those of the country's Chief Rabbinate, the army rabbinate, Jerusalem's Eda Charedit, and Bnei Brak's Chatam Sofer, said Kostelitz. The North American Union of Orthodox Rabbis also gives them its hechsher. "Our own plant mashgiach is a Gerer chassid," he said.

Also up fo LCBO approval now is a chocolate liqueur, a mocha liqueur, a vishniak made from maraschino cherries, and a potato-based vodka that has no grain alcohol in it whatsoever and is kosher l'Pessach. "Most vodkas sold in North America are made from grain spirits," said Bessin.

In the works for next year, "possibly as early as next Pesach," is a wine-based cooler.

Eliaz's most exotic port of call is Hong Kong, to a deli owned by a Jew from Shanghai. "No, the food isn't kosher there," said Bessin, "but the owner provides a section where people can bring in their own kosher food."

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Avoid "get rich quick" schemes

Keep investment goals, expectations realistic

The Readers Ask:

By MURRAY SHERR, BUNNY BERGSTEIN & EARL CRACKOWER

Question: I am a 35-year-old professional who is just now contemplating making some investments. Can you give me some general rules to follow that might help?

Answer: This question could be answered in different ways for different people but we will try to give some broad advice that might be good for everyone.

(1) Think about what you want to accomplish over a period of time. Do you want to accumulate capital for future retirement or for a specific goal in later years. Do you want to invest to increase disposable income in the near future? The answer will determine the type of investment.

(2) Make your goals realistic, based on earnings and the amount of money that you have to invest. A good rule of thumb is to invest about 10% of income into long term investments, such as RRSPs, and about the same amount into short term.

(3) Keep your expectations realistic. Don't expect to become rich in the short term. Don't gamble on speculative stocks or far-out schemes to "get rich quick." They seldom work.

(4) Realize that each person has a "risk tolerance." Know how much risk you want to take and how you will handle it.

(5) Try not to make hasty switches from one form of investment to another. Mid-term cancellations are usually costly.

(6) Invest in several different types of investments. Diversification adds safety and helps to remove risk. Of course, the mix will be determined by the amount you have to invest.

(7) Consider the tax implications of each investment. Some investments, such as dividends from preferred stocks and common stocks, will attract less income tax than earnings from mortgages.

(8) Seek the advice of a competent investment counsellor.

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Question: I'm considering an RRIF but I don't know whether to put my money into short- or long-term. The problem with the long-term is that if I need some money later there will be a penalty for withdrawal. What would you advise?

Answer: The difference between investing for short- or long-term is more than paying a penalty on the long term if you wish to withdraw funds.

The question is how likely is the if in your question? If the if is very likely to happen, then short-term should be considered. If the if is unlikely to happen, then choose long-term.

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Also, if the if is definite, we can structure the withdrawal from the beginning and then you will have the higher interest and the money out at no cost. Alternatively, you can have two RRIFs — one for short-term and one for long-term, to help accomplish your goals.

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Question: I am a 68-year-old semi-retired professional with income from my practice, investment income, CPP and OAS. My wife is 65 and has a very small income which does not include CPP benefits. The federal government has cut most income splitting between spouses. Do you know of any which are allowed?

Answer: There is one new income splitting strategy which probably can help you shift money to your wife. Since you are receiving CPP benefits you can split up to 50% of your benefits between you and your wife. This will mean that the benefits she receives will be taxed in her hands at her marginal rate and will not be attributed back to you. In order to do this both spouses must be at least 60 years of age.

The actual proportion of CPP benefit that can be split will be governed by the number of years the spouses have lived together during the CPP contribution period. We suggest you contact Health and Welfare Canada for further information.

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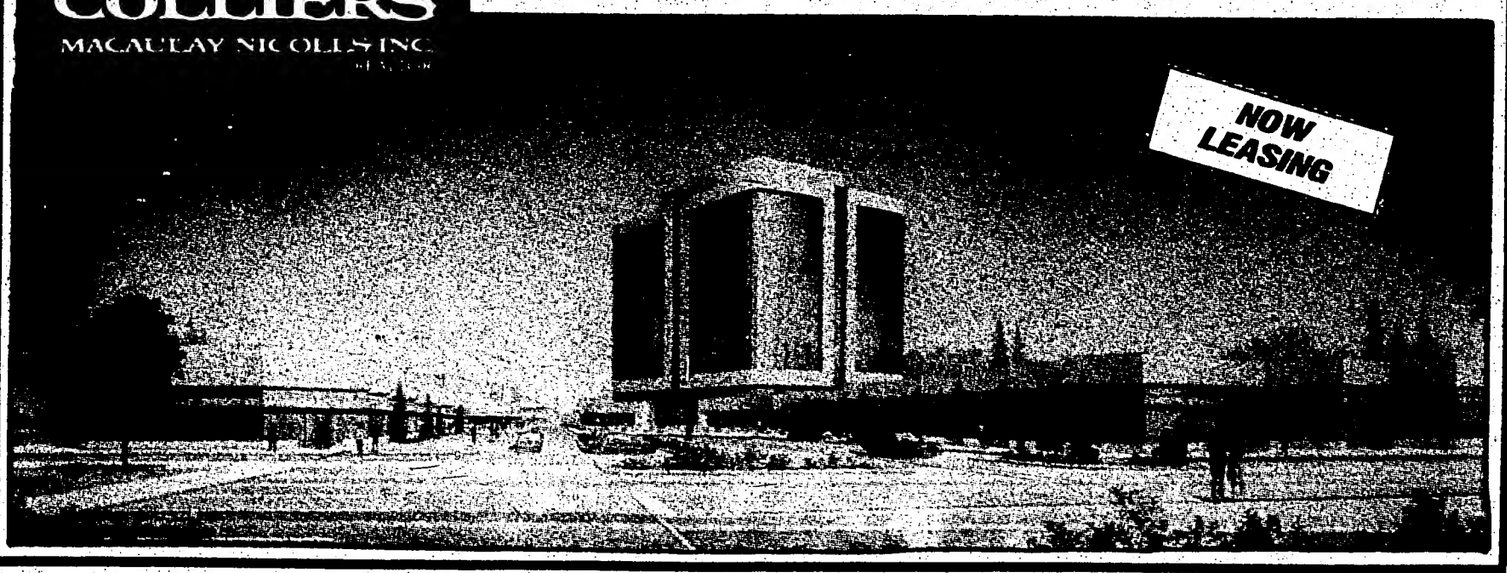

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6-rm. bung. w/bsmt. apt. (sep. entrance). Move-in cond., priced right; call Allan Ginsberg, 224-0801.

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Det. 2-stry. w/4 bdrms., lge. kit., fam. rm., w/out & firepl. Pool-sized lot; 2,707 sq. ft. Call Bryan Applebaum, 224-0801.

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BATHURST-STEELES — 3,125 SQ. FT.
JUST LISTED! Quiet cres., fabulous 4 bdrm., fam. rm., den, sunken liv. rm., near parks & schools, Paul Schmidt, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — DESIGN "SAVVY"
Dramatic 4 bdrm., "Sherwood Green," inviting entrance, cathedral ceiling. Landscaped lot, extras. $324,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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Super 4 bdrm., fin. bsmnt., mn. flr. fam. & laundry, air, appls., dble. gar., value++. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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Super 4 bdrm. Huge master, mn. flr. fam., dble. gar., priced to sell! $229,000. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

BATHURST-PROMENADE — LOCATION!
Great 3 bdrm. + den, sunken liv. rm., open concept kitch., separate bsmnt entrance! $212,000. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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All brick, 3 bdrm., lg. fam. rm. with firepl., huge kitch., many upgrades, ceramics, dble. gar. $218,000. Bev Ross, 731-7111.

VENDORS BOUGHT! — TRY AN OFFER!
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BATHURST/DREWRY
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BATHURST-ANTIBES
2-bdrm. penthouse, W. exposure, huge balcony, gorgeous interior; $192,900. Sally Rosen, 884-4425, 630-3676.

BATHURST-STEELES SOUTHWEST
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13 Cottages For Rent

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14 Cottages For Sale

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26 Commercial/ Land Sales/Lease

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28 Announcements

Rooms basement apartments to share. Call Jewish Information Service, 635-5600.

29 Social Announcements

Hirschberg - Karstadt - Martin & Marion Hirschberg are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Sheri Robin to Charles Alan, son of Geoffrey & Reva Karstadt. Proud grandparents are, Anne Hirschberg, Al Tobias & Anne Naiman.

30 Articles For Sale

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34 Employment Opportunties

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39 Domestic Help Wanted

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40 Personals

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41 Business Personals

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Service helps mate-seekers

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Finding Mr. and Ms. Right has never been simple and today, with so many baby boomers immersed in their careers it is even harder to meet that perfect someone.

Harder, but not impossible, says Sondra Gold, owner of Sincerity Plus, an introduction service for professional men and women between 25 and 65 years of age.

"Courtship practices have changed. People don't get married right out of high school and family and friends are too busy to spend their time looking for eligible partners for their single relatives," says Gold.

She adds that singles' events are overcrowded and women are becoming more and more leery about dating absolute strangers.

What is a single person to do? "First of all, never give up hope. There is always someone out there. And secondly, do not hesitate to try a reputable, caring introduction service."

Gold admits that many people are uncomfortable about using a service because they are hesitant to seek assistance in an area they should be able to handle themselves. "Barriers exist in our society, however, that can prevent men and women from finding compatible partners. Introduction services help overcome those barriers."

According to Gold, an introduction service is a perfect way for sincere singles to meet.

"People pay $695 to use my agency. They are serious about looking for a relationship. They're not afraid of becoming committed."

As well, Gold, who has a post-graduate degree in psychology, gets to know each client. "I find out their likes, dislikes, hobbies, good and bad habits — everything. I don't just match up dates, I match personalities that I know in my heart will click."

That way busy singles don't have to waste time dating people just to find they have nothing in common. "If I've introduced them, they know they have lots in common."

Gold admits to turning people away if she knows she has no one for them. "I won't take people's money if I have nothing to offer."

She is proud to say that she has seen 75 of her couples marry in the past 2½ years and has even been invited to some of their weddings.

What is unfortunate, says Gold, is that very few Jewish men in their 30s and 40s are making use of her service. "They just don't believe that attractive, intelligent women would come to me. They'd be surprised at the high quality of women I have on file. If more men were aware of this, maybe I'd have more Jewish couples to introduce."

She says she currently has three Jewish couples going together and has married off four Jewish couples. "That makes me sad because there are lot of quality Jewish singles out there waiting to meet each other."

Security company addresses needs

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —

Impersonal service in personal security is a problem that Varritek Industries of Toronto is quick to address.

"We ask the client: How do you see security, what are your needs?," says Allen Ansel, Varritek's vice-president, "We want to educate the consumer as to what is available."

"We want them all to feel comfortable," says Ansel, a graduate of Eitz Chaim and Or Chaim Yeshiva in Toronto. Ansel worked for Agda Electronics after graduation from the University of Toronto.

After assessing the needs of a client, Varritek tailors a system according to cost, items being protected (such as jewelry or paintings), and access capabilities (for people like employees, tenants or domestics).

He pointed out that in some commercial applications, "one year's insurance premium savings can almost equal the cost of a security system."

When the analysis is completed, clients are given quotations and demonstrations. "Then comes the most important aspect, the educational process," says Varritek's president, David Kerzner. "We instruct the client on how to properly operate and maintain the system to maximize its features and minimize false alarms."

Kerzner, son of Clanton Park's Rabbi Yitzhak Kerzner, is a graduate in advertising and marketing from the School of Visual Arts in New York.

Before starting Varritek, Kerzner also worked for Agda, as the marketing manager of a security line. It was here that Ansel met Kerzner, and the two decided to strike out on their own.

Varritek's technical staff is headed by Efraim Sapir, who brought years of experience in the security field in Israel with him to the company.

Sapir is also the cantor of Beth Tikva in Toronto.

Chief technician is Karnig Nazaretian who headed a large security company in Lebanon, specializing in the protection of embassies.

Business Outlook

Soviet Jew named Israel's exporter of the year

JERUSALEM —

Ambitious Soviet Jews who seek the economic opportunities of the West can be advised to try to head for Ramat-Gan, home of the Israel diamond industry.

A young immigrant from the Soviet Union was recently awarded the "Outstanding Exporter of the Year" for 1986, marking one of the most glittering success stories in the recent history of Israel's booming diamond trade.

Thirty-one-year-old Lev Leviev was honored by President Chaim Herzog with the coveted award in recognition of the fact that his company, in eight years, has reached the front ranks of Israel's $1.5 billion export industry.

With exports of $23 million in 1986, Leviev was cited for increasing his new firm's exports by almost 300% over the previous year. At the same time, it was revealed that his new company has become the largest manufacturer of cut diamonds in Israel.

The overall output of its production network is expected to reach $900 million in 1987, the second year in a row, all for overseas sales through his own marketing organization and other Israeli exporters.

Arriving in Israel as a teenager from Tashkent in Uzbekistan, with no family background in gems, Leviev fell in love with the diamond trade even prior to his induction into the Israeli Defence Forces.

On vacations during his 3-year service he studied every phase of the industry, and immediately joined it upon returning to civilian life.

His determination, new skills and energy, supported by family and other Soviet immigrants, brought rapid results, unusual even in the upwardly mobile atmosphere of Israel's dynamic industry which has successfully absorbed thousands of immigrant workers and entrepreneurs.

Lev Leviev Diamonds today employs 400 workers and contractors, operating in four major diamond polishing plants, several small workshops, a new sawing plant, as well as sales offices occupying the entire top floor of the Israel Diamond Exchange. To meet the need for the continuing expansion of production facilities, Leviev is now planning a modern automated diamond plant near Ariel in Samaria.

The family is Orthodox and managed to maintain their Jewish traditions even in Tashkent, he noted, although carefully avoiding public demonstration of their religion. Lev studied at a school of the Habad movement here.

His father, Avner, makes weekly broadcasts to Jews in the USSR on Kol Zion LaGolah in the Bucharian language, discussing Jewish topics and life in Israel.

Leviev, in turn, is offering the opportunity for rapid absorption in the Israeli diamond trade to many other Russian newcomers. He has proven that although the streets of Zion aren't paved with diamonds, polishing and exporting them can pave the way to glittering success for veteran and new Israelis alike.

Accountant criticizes new federal tax reforms

MURRAY RUMACK, a partner in the firm with Clarkson Gordon, Chartered Accountants, discusses some of the proposed new federal tax reforms. He's far from happy with them.

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It has recently been heard that "tax laws should be made the same way as sausages — i.e. the public should not be allowed to see them being made."

In other words, back in 1970 during the height of the tax reform discussion the tax reformists were trying to convince the powers that be, as well as the taxpayer, that "a buck is a buck." Meaning that everything should be taxed equally no matter what the risk, how much the amount, etc.

It appears that slowly but surely this philosophy may be coming into existence, in that we have recently seen a 3% temporary surtax continuing to be a tax which may be only as "temporary" as the 1917 War Income Tax Act only to be carried on later under the name of Income Tax Act. Similarly we have been introduced to an Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) which tells us there will be a minimum tax regardless of what exemptions and/or tax shelters you are legally permitted to invest in.

Slowly but surely a larger portion of capital is being taxed. I refer to this later on in this article, but keep in mind that since 1972 there have been at least 57 major revisions to our Income Tax Act. Thus almost nothing pertaining to tax revision is surprising or shocking any more.

in capital cost allowance rates on equipment is different. I doubt if it is fair to assume, as Finance Canada does, that a particular piece of equipment will last longer just because it is new.

Many small and not-so-small business people take clients to lunch or to a hockey game because there is an excellent chance that a deal can be clinched this way more readily than sitting in an office. Hence it makes no sense to reduce the deductible portion of the entertainment expense to 80% of the actual amount. But about all you can do is carefully record all such expenses so none are missed.

The $500,000 lifetime capital gains exemption for individuals is frozen at $100,000, except that it remains for farmers and for small business corporations (and in the second case the full amount is available two years earlier, on Jan. 1, 1988).

Ordinary investors

This is fine for small business owners planning to sell out, but it is unfair for the ordinary investor and for the person who has perhaps a triplex or two, and finds that now is the time to sell, but is restricted to $100,000 because he does not have a small business corporation.

In addition, the taxable portion of capital gains increases from the present 50% to 66.7% in 1988 and 75% in 1990.

Mr. Wilson proposes to phase in the new limits on Registered Retirement Savings Plan contributions more slowly, with the full $15,500-a-year limit (for those without employer pensions) available in 1995 instead of 1991. This change will hurt middle-age and older people who were planning to put more money into their RRSPs before age 71.

Though personal income tax rates are being reduced, as well as the rate for small businesses, details have not been released on how Wilson plans to broaden the corporate tax base. The effect will likely be to make some corporate income taxable.

All other things being equal, you should speak to your chartered accountant about helping you arrange your affairs so that you can, this year, still receive dividends from a Canadian corporation in the amount of $25,000 free of income tax provided that you have not had any source of income in 1987. In many cases, this type of planning can be arranged — particularly in a Canadian-controlled private corporation. In 1988 this amount is being reduced to $22,075. This is another form of erosion of your disposable income.

The new anti-avoidance rules, which allow the minister to disallow any one transaction, or a series of transactions, is unfair. It gives too much discretion to the minister and could create costly negotiations and incur more professional fees than would otherwise be required.

Wilson proposes to allow the expenses of a secondary office at home only under more stringent rules. This merely adds more frustration, and may waste the business operator's otherwise productive time.

The acceleration of the sales tax payments and tax instalments also hits the small business person, since every dollar in working capital is critical.

Similarly unfair is the 10% tax on business phone calls — yet another expense for business. Like other cost increases this will be added to the consumer's cost of living with an additional markup for profit thereon.

Not so green pastures

To small businesses, the greener pastures that seemed to exist on the other side of Finance Minister Michael Wilson's June 18 tax reform proposals may not be so green after all.

Once tax reform is in place next Jan. 1, the average small business owner may actually have fewer dollars and higher costs. Here is one view of specific measures affecting small business:

While there is nothing wrong with limiting the capital cost allowance to a $20,000 car, the reduction

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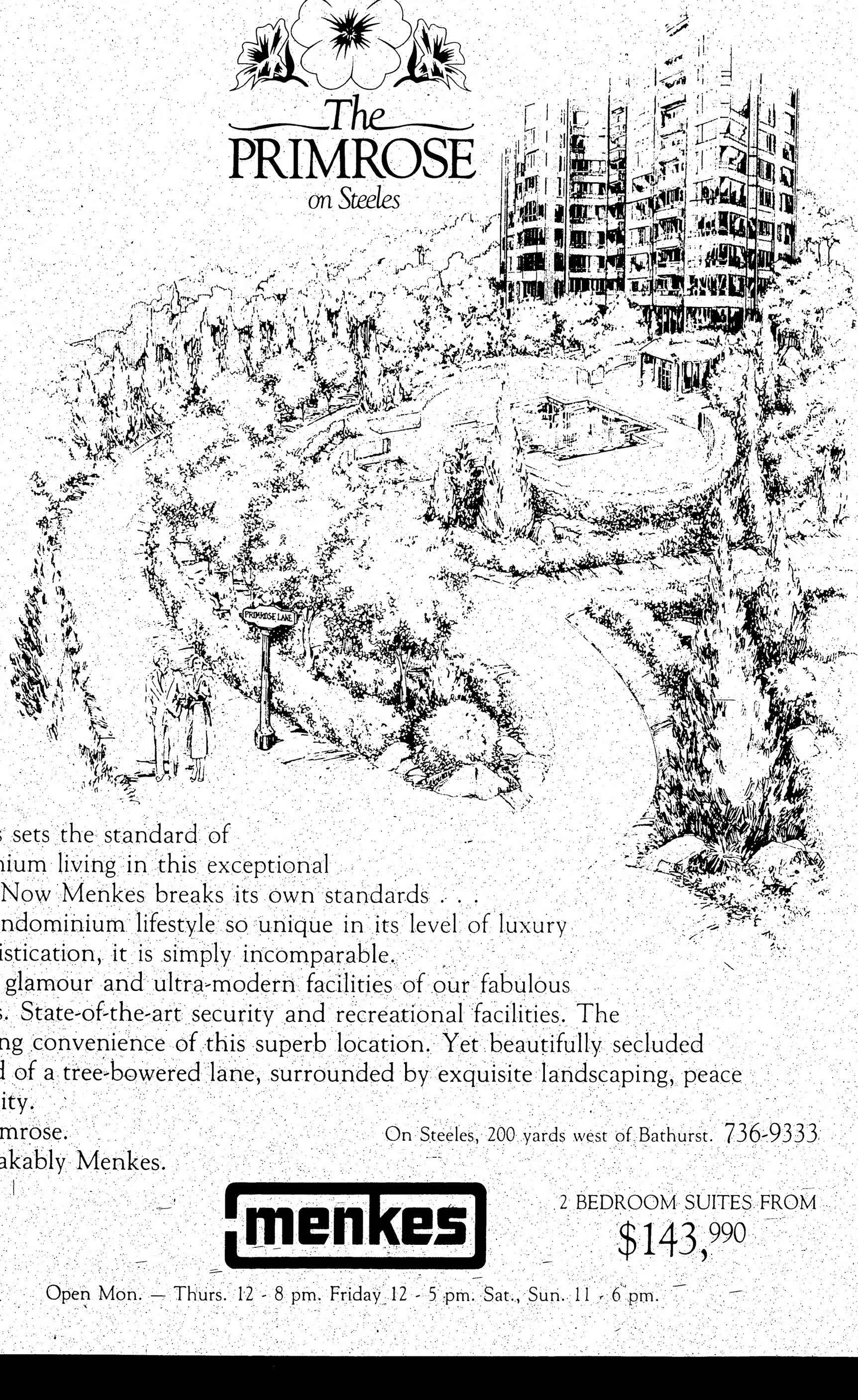

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Pope John Paul II's Visit to the Rome Synagogue
A Catholic View

by Lorna Cooney, SNJM

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THE visit of Pope John Paul II to Rome's chief synagogue on April 13, 1986 is a significant event in the Jewish-Christian dialogue of the past two decades, and even in Jewish-Christian relations of the past twenty centuries. The very fact that such a visit was possible is indicative of the openness, the trust and the hope of both the Jewish and Christian communities. John Paul began his address by asserting that the visit is both a reality and a symbol. To be welcomed to enter another's home, to feel at ease there, and to remain and to share — is a privilege. To listen to one another on issues of crucial importance, to admit with honesty and humility one's past offences, to seek to understand the other as s/he understands him/herself, to affirm the other in his/her existential reality, and to invite mutual collaboration in a shared call and common mission, despite differences which have existed and continue to exist, — this, to me, a Catholic reader, is the meaning of this historic visit. It is an invitation to do all one can in one's own milieu to continue and enhance the dialogue.

The Pope began his address by giving thanks and praise to the God of Abraham whose providence made this meeting possible. Reference to Abraham is a fundamental way of addressing Jews, for he is their father of the covenant, and covenant is an essential category by which Jewish people understand themselves. This is common ground on which Jews meet Christians, for Christians, too, regard Abraham as their father in the faith. The Pope emphasized the warmth, hospitality and openness of heart with which his initiative was met. This utterly positive response of the Jewish community is indicative of the health of the Jewish-Christian dialogue. One can hardly imagine such an encounter occurring in Rome with popes previous to John XXIII.

On The Holocaust

The Pope's speech addressed the central issues of anti-Semitism and the Holocaust. John Paul II began by emphasizing the importance of learning appropriate lessons from our past history. The world has arrived at a greater acceptance of a legitimate plurality on social, civil and religious levels, but, he said, this has been achieved with great difficulty; it has laboriously matured over the centuries. He insisted that the centuries-long cultural conditioning does not excuse the deplorable manifestations of oppression of the Jews in the limitation of both their religious and civil freedoms. At this point Number 4 of "Nostra Aetate" was quoted and underlined: "(The Church) deplores the hatred, persecutions and displays of anti-Semitism directed against the Jews at any time and by anyone."

The most repulsive manifestation of anti-Semitism is the Holocaust. John Paul expressed once more his abhorrence for the genocide decreed against the Jewish people during the last war. He recalled the sentiments of his heart when he visited Auschwitz in 1979. His pause before the Hebrew memorial stone in particular, said John Paul, indicated the depth of his feeling for the Jewish victims. As the inscription says: "Indifference is not permissible".

It was important for John Paul II to refer at some length to the Holocaust, for, aside from the question of the State of Israel, the Holocaust is a subject of urgent concern to the Jewish community. So integral to the identity and self-understanding of the Jewish people of today is the Holocaust, that some Jewish scholars claim that it has replaced the Exodus as the central event of Judaism. On the theological centrality of the Holocaust, John Pawlikowski writes: "Obviously, in the light of the principle from the 1975 Vatican Guidelines about the Christian obligation to understand Jews as they define themselves, this internal Jewish discussion is of pivotal importance to the on-going Jewish-Christian relationship." Six million Jewish men, women and children were murdered between 1933 and 1945. The very existence of the Jewish people was threatened. The involvement of Christians in this horrifying event cannot be denied; indeed it should never be forgotten by Christians, for the pain of the Holocaust endures in the heart of every Jew.

During this historic visit to the synagogue of Rome could not John Paul have emphasized the importance of this understanding of the Holocaust? Could his visit to the synagogue not have been an opportune moment to challenge Catholics and indeed all Christians to probe their history and their hearts? Sorrow for what happened is not the same as admitting one's involvement and expressing one's repentance and conversion of heart. Perhaps the Pope's quoting of the inscription on the Hebrew memorial stone was an attempt to go in this direction: "It is not permissible for anyone to pass by with indifference."

During the visit the choir sang the ancient Jewish hymn, "Ani Ma' Amin", which many Jews sang as they went to the gas chambers. Some thirty Italian Jewish survivors of the camps were present at this meeting with the Pope. He acknowledged them with open arms. Perhaps John Paul places more importance on his gestures than on his words? His very presence in the synagogue was meant to be a powerful and significant symbol in itself. His compassionate acknowledgement of the survivors, twice during his visit, speaks of his love and calls for imitation.

"Common Spiritual Patrimony"

John Paul commended the recent and current efforts by both Christians and Jews to overcome old prejudices and to secure ever wider and fuller recognition of that "bond" and that "common spiritual patrimony" that exists between Jews and Christians. Christians have a relationship with Jews which they do not have with any other religion. Some Church documents will demonstrate that this relationship has been studied and affirmed extensively over the past twenty years.

In "Nostra Aetate" and in most other Catholic Church documents since its publication, there is the counsel to Christians to cease to regard the Jews as "the other". There is also the invitation to Jews, to recognize the common spiritual heritage which endures to this day. Repeatedly throughout these documents one reads that the Jews were the first to receive the revelation of God, that the Church is "grafted" to this ancient root which lasts till this day, and that the Church "draws sustenance from the root of that well-cultivated olive tree". Indeed the New Testament and the Church itself can be understood only in the context of their Jewish heritage. The living tradition of the Jewish people enriches Christianity. At the 1969 Plenary Session in Rome, the bishops quoted L. Bouyer's *La Bible et l'Évangile*, on this: "As transforming as Christian revelation may be, it is from the Jewish tradition it draws not only its formulas, its images, its setting, but even the marrow of its concepts." Christians cannot truly understand and appreciate the concept of salvation history "without taking into consideration the manner in which the chosen people became aware of the encounter with God and lived this revelation of a God ever present throughout its long history down to the present time".

John Paul II, in referring to the common bond and patrimony of Jews and Christians, was continuing in the tradition of John XXIII and Paul VI, and was voicing once more the direction which many dioceses and national conferences of bishops have taken. However, there is another aspect of this question to consider. Many scholars hold that Christianity has defined itself by negating Judaism as a living reality.

The Key Issue

The key issue is the role of Jesus as the Christ. The central Christian affirmation, that Jesus is the Christ, seems to negate the possibility of a living Judaism.

> "As long as the Christian Church regards itself as the successor of Israel, as the new people of God substituted in the place of the old, and as long as the Church proclaims Jesus as the one mediator

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Editor's Notebook

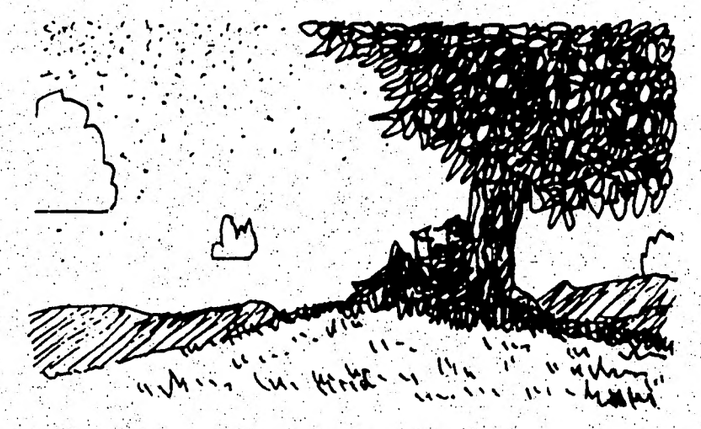
Although *Viewpoints* is a journal of Jewish thought and not a newspaper, this issue happens to focus on issues of great moment and current interest. We lead off with three articles which highlight various aspects of the Jewish-Christian dialogue that has been ongoing for the past several decades.

Sister Lorna Cooney, a Roman Catholic nun, has sent us a most thoughtful and thoroughly researched article on the declarations made by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of his visit to Rome's chief synagogue on April 13, 1986. She analyzes practically all aspects of the Jewish-Catholic relationship which the Pope touched on — and includes also the subjects he did not mention. She then delivers a most scholarly analysis of each issue and indicates where, in her view, new advances in mutual understanding have been given the official imprimatur of the Catholic church.

This article is followed by two review essays which we happened to receive on the recently published book by Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg, *"The Christian Problem — A Jewish View"*. Dr. Rosenberg's book gives his views on many of the same topics dealt with by the Pope in his address. Ian Kagedan's review differs considerably from that submitted by Rabbi Jacob Chinitz. The three articles, when placed in juxtaposition, offer a well-rounded and fascinating over-view of the nuances of this most complex problem.

Another burning issue is tackled by Mordechai Nisan in his article "Shamir's No. 1 Challenge", which is, of course, the fate of the West Bank. Nisan is an avowed and unabashed supporter of Likud and is most forthright in expressing his opinion that the long period of Labor dominance in the early days of Israel's independence have led to what he terms "the decay of secular Israeli society, unable to provide an integrated vision of the country's future". This integrated vision includes "integration" of the West Bank under Israeli rule with the Arab population having full human rights, but limited political rights. We expect interesting comments from our readers.

Two short poems by two well-known Canadian poets, Shulamis Yelin and Mona Adilman complete our issue.



A CATHOLIC VIEW

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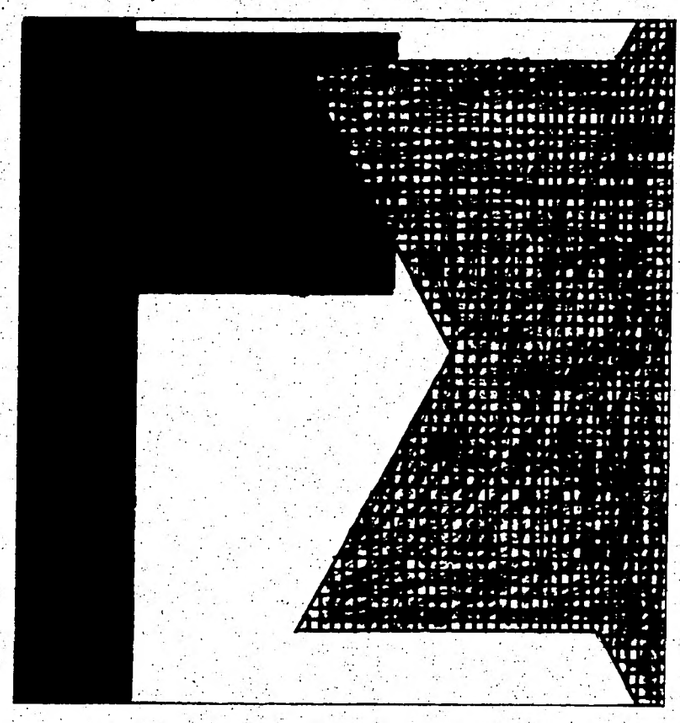
without whom there is no salvation, no theological space is left for other religions, and, in particular, no theological validity is left for Jewish religion."

Conservative Christian theologians, particularly the more fundamentalist ones, have taught that the acknowledgement of the Jews as the spiritually-alive chosen people was against the teaching of Christian Scripture and Tradition. Thus Ruether, Gregory Baum and others contend that if the Church really wants to clear itself of the anti-Jewish trends built into its teaching, a few marginal correctives will not suffice. What is called for is a re-examination of the very centre of the Church's proclamation. Many ask: is such a re-interpretation necessary? Others ask: Is it possible, without invalidating the Christian claims altogether?

Ruether seeks to show that the anti-Jewish trends in Christianity were, almost from the very beginning, linked to the Church's proclamation of Jesus as the Christ. Faith in Jesus as the Christ provided a new key for understanding the Bible (later designated as the Old Testament), an understanding which became a refutation of the synagogal reading of the Scriptures. Ruether calls this "the left hand of Christology". The Christian community sought to demonstrate that the traditional Jewish interpretation of the Scriptures was wrong. The Jewish refusal, says Ruether, moved the Christians to comb the Scriptures for the prediction of "the blindness of heart" of Israel and for the promises which they came to believe had been totally fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The whole prophetic tradition, as well as the Psalms, was interpreted as criticism of the Jews who refused to accept Jesus as the Messiah.

Thus Ruether, and others, ask: Is such a rethinking of Christology possible? Is it possible for the Church to relativize Jesus as the Christ? Is the Church able to stress the incompleteness of present redemption rather than stress a fulfilled Messianism? Can not the Christian expectation of the Second Coming, which has not received adequate attention in traditional theology, place in proper perspective the absolute affirmations regarding Jesus, statements that will only be true at the end of time? Such a perspective would move Christianity away from its absolutizing trend, — its religious imperialism, which, says Ruether, has as its root cause belief in a fulfilled messianism. Anticipation of the Messianic Age could be the bond which would unite Jews and Christians as they together discern the injustices and the evil in the world, and seek to bring about the Kingdom of God.

For Rosemary Ruether, the Jewish refusal to accept the Christian message has a positive role in creating the Christian self-understanding. For the Jewish "No" to any claim that the messianic age has come as long as suffering and misery prevail could be a constant reminder to Christians not to



understand their faith as a fulfilled messianism. The Jewish "No" could prevent Christians from making absolute claims about truth and salvation that either blind them to the evidence of history or make them interpret their religion in such a spiritual way as to void the biblical promises.

Such a "bond" extends beyond what John Paul II referred to in his address in the synagogue in Rome. This is one potent example of how the theologians seek to move the official Church ahead, rendering it a great service in its on-going search for understanding itself and its mission.

Accusation of Deicide

The second point from "Nostra Aetate" which John Paul reaffirmed is the refutation of the accusation of deicide which has been attributed to Jews by Christians down through the centuries. Actually "Nostra Aetate" denies the charge of deicide, but does not satisfactorily refute it. Many Jews and Christians were deeply disappointed in the final approved version of "Nostra Aetate". Here John Paul stated that no ancestral or collective blame can be imputed to the Jews as a people for what happened in Christ's passion, not indiscriminately to the Jews of that time, or to those who came afterward, or to those of today. Therefore, said John Paul, any alleged theological justification for discriminatory measures, or, worse still, for acts of persecution is unfounded. John Palikowski writes:

"Probably no accusation against the Jewish community by the Christian Church is responsible for more Jewish suffering throughout history than the deicide charge, the verdict that the Jews of Jesus' time, in their blindness, put to death the very Son of God. This accusation laid the groundwork for a highly developed theology within Christianity which claimed that Jews, for the remainder of human history, were to be subjected to continual suffering and to live in a state of perpetual wandering without a homeland as a punishment for their grave sinfulness in killing Christ."

Pawlikowski, in his *What Are They Saying About Christian-Jewish Relations?* studies both Protestant and Catholic attempts to address the issue of the deicide charge, asserting that it is a tragic misunderstanding of the inner meaning of the crucifixion of Jesus. They proclaim that justice alone should demonstrate the falsity of a corporate or inherited curse on the Jewish people for the death of Jesus. Both churches have taken concrete and definite steps toward eliminating the accusation of deicide from their teaching.

The majority of Christian Scripture scholars today place primary responsibility for the death of Jesus on the imperial authorities. Catholics still have a long way to go in the actual implementation of this change of attitude. The Good Friday narratives of the crucifixion need to be looked at carefully. It has been found that dramatizations of the Holy Week liturgies still tend to downplay the responsibility of the Roman authorities. There is a great need for education of the people on this point. This whole question of the deicide charge must be studied in the context of anti-Semitism itself, particularly in the framework

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of New Testament exegesis. It is also closely connected to the Christian attitude towards the State of Israel, for the wandering has been regarded as the punishment for deicide.

Permanent Vocation Of The Jewish People

The third point of "Nostra Aetate" which John Paul emphasized has to do with the permanent vocation and mission of the Jewish people. In this document, as well as in many other Christian documents since Vatican II, Romans 11:28-29 is cited as the key text in proclaiming that the Jews are beloved of God, who has called them with an irrevocable calling. This is a direct reference to the issue of supersessionism: that the old covenant is replaced by the new, that the 'Old Israel' has given way to the Church, the 'New Israel', that the 'spirit' of the Law has replaced the 'letter' of the Law, that Christ has replaced Torah, etc.

Closely connected to this supersessionist attitude is the whole question of the conversion of the Jews to Christianity. Recent documents of the Catholic Church have emphasized that the word which God has confided to Israel "endures forever (Isaiah 40:8)". All intent of proselytizing and conversion is to be discouraged. Catholics are encouraged to make efforts to understand better that the Hebrew Scripture, referred to by Christians as the Old Testament, retains its proper validity, and is not to be understood exclusively in reference to the New Testament, nor reduced to an allegorical significance. Educators should stress that the history of Judaism does not end with the destruction of Jerusalem, but continues to develop in a rich spiritual tradition, and that according to New Testament teaching, the Jewish people play an essential role in the eschatological fulfillment of history. It has been made clear in many documents that the aim of the Jewish-Christian dialogue is not to convert Jews to Christianity; the aim is for each to understand the other as s/he understands him/herself.

Interfaith Dialogue

John Paul spoke of the challenge of an on-going dialogue. Even though many bonds unite Judaism and Christianity, each wishes to be recognized and respected in its own identity, beyond any syncretism or any ambivalent appropriation. This statement emphasizes the Pope's conviction that Judaism is a religion in its own right, not supplanted nor superseded by Christianity. He admitted that the path lies long ahead of us, even though we have accomplished much on the journey so far. Christians must seek and present the true face of the Jews and of Judaism; Jews must seek and present the true face of Christians and Christianity. John Paul encouraged Catholics to study the Vatican documents of 1974 and 1985, to immerse themselves in their teachings, and to put these into practice. I believe that it is here that work is called for: in education in the classrooms and from the pulpit. All the work of the scholars of the dialogue will remain on their shelves if the ordinary Christian and Jew is not reached through teaching and preaching.

The State of Israel

Rome's Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff touched on the hope of many Jewish leaders that John Paul II would use this occasion of his visit to Rome's main synagogue to address the issue of Vatican diplomatic recognition of the State of Israel: "The return of the Jewish people to its land must be recognized as an unrenounceable good... The recognition of Israel in its irreplaceable role in the plan of final redemption promised by God cannot be denied." The president of Rome's Jewish community, Giacomo Saban, also spoke to this question, explaining that "the land of Israel has a role that emotionally and spiritually is central to the heart of every Jew, and change of attitude in its regard would be gratifying not only to those present here but to Judaism worldwide". John Paul II did not mention the State of Israel. In fact, he did not even mention the word "Israel" except in his quoting of the psalmist in his closing prayer: "Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures forever'." Anticipating this concern, Vatican officials, prior to the Pope's visit, emphasized that this visit had no political overtones. It was to be regarded as a strictly religious encounter.

Did this silence about recognition of the State of Israel by the Vatican considerably weaken the impact of the visit on both the Jewish community and on the concerned Christian community? In his reflective essay on the collection of documents found in *More Stepping Stones to Jewish-Christian Relations: An Unabridged Collection of Christian Documents: 1975-1983*, Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, past president of the Synagogue Council of America, notes that in both the Catholic and Protestant documents, there is "the recognition of a changed Jewish reality, that is, a post-Holocaust Judaism which includes the State of Israel". However, he feels that this issue is dealt with rather loosely. In many documents, says Waxman, there is the "lurking assumption that, despite everything, Israel is actually a political rather than a theological issue". From the Jewish point of view, this central reality of contemporary Jewish existence has not been properly dealt with by the Christian churches. "In the Jewish theological and religious assessment, the State (of Israel) represents a fulfillment of Jewish history, a validation of the ongoing covenant, and the major creative response to the Holocaust. In the political sense, the State represents insurance to Jews who found the doors of other states barred during the Holocaust — insurance that there is a place to which they may repair by right". Waxman feels that Catholic and mainline Protestant groups seemingly cannot bring themselves wholeheartedly to understand the Jewish point of view on this matter, and if, he says, they are trying to understand Jews as they understand themselves, "the touchstone of a fruitful relationship may well be the ability of the Christian churches to see the State of Israel with the eyes of the Jews, namely as a stage in the reaffirmation of the covenant with Abraham and his descendants".

The Church must address the question of the State of Israel, as it is related to the deicide charge and the ensuing punishment of perpetual wandering. The land of Israel is central to Jewish life and identity. Catholic attempts to understand the Jewish people and twentieth-century Judaism are considerably weakened by a failure to come to terms with this issue.

Social Issues

John Paul stated that in view of their common heritage from the lawmakers, the prophets and the wise men of Israel, Christians and Jews are called to collaborate in all that has to do with respect for life. In the great field of individual and social ethics, Jews and Christians are the trustees and witnesses of an ethic marked by the Ten Commandments. An important duty, in these times of agnosticism, individualism, selfishness and violence, is the promotion of a common reflection and collaboration on the source where people find truth and freedom. The Pope here touched upon a fundamental area of concern for both Christians and Jews: human morality. A common area of concern such as this underlines the closeness of Jewish-Christian ties, and calls for united efforts.

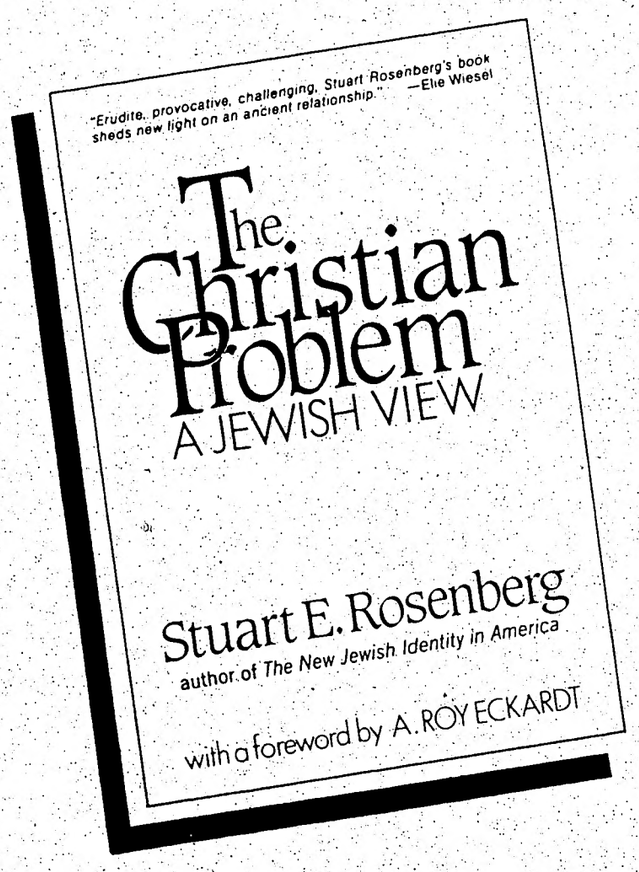
Conclusion

If I were asked whether it was John Paul's words or his visit itself which had the greater impact on the Jewish community, the Christian community, the world at large, and the Jewish-Christian dialogue in particular, I would have to lean towards the latter, the visit itself. As on many other occasions, the charismatic presence of this Pope seems to speak louder than his words. At the risk of concluding this paper with an inappropriate or possibly far-fetched analogy, I am reminded of Jesus himself: we do not know many of his exact words, but we do know that He came. John Paul may not have said all that it was hoped he would say, but we know that he went to the synagogue.

Two Review Essays

The Christian Problem: A Jewish View

By Stuart E. Rosenberg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The Christian Problem
A JEWISH VIEW
Stuart E. Rosenberg
author of The New Jewish Identity in America
with a foreword by A. ROY ECKARDT

A Review Essay by Ian J. Kagedan

FOR most of the last two thousand years, Christendom characterized its unique relationship with its Jews in terms of the "Jewish Problem." A complex mythology evolved to explain the endurance of a people whose very basis of existence, the Convenant of the Biblical god with their ancestors and His salvific acts on their behalf, had been challenged in the first Christian centuries and had been effectively denied in the centuries which followed. A perverse reasoning, bolstered by almost two millenia of hostile theology and dehumanizing polemic, led to Hitler's "Final Solution." Was this a final, horrifying expression of the evil latent in a two-thousand-year search for Christian identity separate from its Jewish roots? How has a Christian world responded to what Franklin Littell described as the "cruxifixion of the Jews"?

After a silence which may have been from shock, (but is nonetheless shocking) came slow reflection, and after reflection, dialogue. After almost two thousand years, a Jewish scholar, bolstered of a growing of Christian colleagues, can suggest that, after all, the "problem" is much more a Christian problem — not for Jews and Judaism nearly as much as for Christianity itself.

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In his timely and provocative study *The Christian Problem: A Jewish View*, Dr. Stuart Rosenberg, Toronto rabbi and internationally recognized thinker, seeks to move the generation-old dialogue between Jews and Christians to a new plateau.

Rosenberg makes no claim to having discovered the key elements in any such dialogue. He relies on the work of a growing number of theologians and philosophers, Jewish and Christian who have been seized by the challenges posed by the greatest failure of humanity in its quest for goodness and godliness. What he brings to us is a novel and insightful synthesis of the best of their teaching, posing questions, the response to which points toward a new relationship.

Debunks Longstanding Myths

In a eminently readable volume of some two hundred and fifty pages, Rosenberg reflects on the Jewish background of the early church and the decisions taken which separated the two faiths: on key elements of Western culture whose basis is in Jewish tradition and on contemporary Christian-Jewish relations, especially as these respond to the Holocaust and the State of Israel. In considering the ancient period, Rosenberg debunks longstanding myths of the Church which informed its uneasy relationship with Judaism. He neatly summarizes for us the harvest of half a century or more of inquiry into early Christianity which has taught us the Jewishness of Jesus and the early church. In doing so, we are led to reflect upon the conclusions of many contemporary scholars who have demonstrated that Jesus was very much a Jew, notwithstanding the key role which his life and death play in the development of Christianity. We recognize that the purpose of the Gospels (as of all ancient Biblical literature) is the promotion of a world view, not the presentation of history. In this context, we can appreciate the inconsistency of the image of Jesus as the christ in the context of ancient (and contemporary) Jewish messianic thinking and the role of Paul in reformulating classical Jewish thinking such that, as Arthur Cohen notes in *The Myth of the Judeo-Christian Tradition*, while "Paul takes Israel seriously . . . it is an Israel in which no Jew believed." In concluding his review of salient factors of accord and discord in the earliest stages of the Christian relationship with Judaism, we consider the distinctive character of the Hebrew Bible and the implications of its designation as the "Old Testament," and, as well, the implication of recognizing the nascent church as the "New Israel."

Western Cultures Rooted In Jewish Concepts

At the same time as Jewish spirituality increasingly found an inward location — in the life of the individual Jew in covenant with God, and in the life of Jewish people in community with one another and with all Jews worldwide and through all time — ancient Jewish ideas and ideals found their broadest expression in the gentile world at large. In the second part of *The Christian Problem*, "Restoring Jews to the Mainstream of History," Rosenberg demonstrates how cultural notions and institutions of Western civilization have their roots in the tradition from which Paul cautiously yet decidedly withdrew. The translation of the Hebrew scriptures into Western, non-Semitic languages is appreciated as a major pivotal event or set of events in the history of Western culture. Beyond the issue of the translation of words, this brings fully to the West the vast complex of Ancient Near Eastern thought as filtered through the vision of Ancient Israel. Our philosophy of education and of social responsibility are traced back to the Biblical tradition as conveyed to us through the Judaism of the final pre-Christian centuries. As these notions moved toward their ultimate articulation in Christendom, Jewish tradition continued to evolve internally throughout the Middle Ages and to our own time, rooted in a scriptural tradition which itself insists on a flexibility to respond to contemporary conditions. The interpretational tradition is the method and message of the rabbis, who are the exponents of Pharisaic Judaism. On the eve of the Nazi Holocaust, we find ourselves in a world immeasurably enriched by Jewish ideas accommodated in a Christian world view, and with a Judaism fully expressive, not simply as a religion but as what the eminent scholar of Judaism, Mordecai Kaplan, termed a civilization.

In the latter part of the nineteenth century and former part of our own country, Western civilization stood on the verge of an age unparalleled in its potential for advancing the human condition by a quantum leap towards an earthly Garden of Eden. Our remarkable capacity to do good for more people than ever before and our frustrating incapacity to act in the face of selfish and narcissistic urges are enduring challenges. It is no accident that Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud and Albert Einstein stood out as pivotal figures of the time. Beneficiaries of the liberalism of the French Revolution and the liberalizing social upheavals in its wake (this itself not unrelated to the infusion of Biblical tradition into Western civilization) they personify the wonderful synthesis of almost two millenia of evolving Judaism and Western scientific methodology rooted in an earlier synthesis of Hellenistic culture and Biblical ancient Semitic oriental thought. Rosenberg turns to this period in the third and final part of *The Christian Problem*. By way of introduction, the author quotes the philosopher Franz Rosenzweig. "Christianity contains within itself the tension between paganism and true religion . . . Whenever the pagan within the Christian soul rises in revolt against the yoke of the Cross, he vents his fury on the Jew." Nazism, in the hearts and mind of its proponents a true expression of their Christianity, vented its fury against Marx, demonstrated in horrifying fashion its frustration with Freud, and saw its final downfall in part through the insight of Einstein. It is no coincidence that out of the same matrix of German-Jewish tradition comes Theodore Herzl, the founder of modern Zionism.

The Holocaust: Christian Silence

In discussing the Holocaust and the churches, Rosenberg highlights the deafening silence of Christendom in the face of the West's most horrifying evil. Indeed, there were many righteous gentiles, those who sought to save Jews in the hour of their annihilation. At the same time, as historian Yehuda Bauer puts it, "In Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and the Ukraine, in Croatia and Romania, the attitude of the overwhelming majority of the local population, including the majority churches . . . ranges from hostile indifference to active hostility." In North America today, as governments hesitatingly breach the silence and the shame of inaction and move ever so slowly against suspected Nazi war criminals in our midst, we are thrust into a confrontation of the monumental silence of but a generation ago.

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In our own time, there are still those who deny the Holocaust and argue, to the disdain of all good people (and, one should note, to the disdain and condemnation of our churches), that they speak out of their Christianity. Picture Ernst Zundel bearing his cross on the steps of a Toronto courtroom, or consider the Aryan Nations group, which calls itself a church.

Rosenberg argues that the Western mainline churches were essentially silent in the early Nazi period, again during the Holocaust, and again, in the face of the potential destruction of the remnant of European Jewry resident in Israel on the eve of the 1967 Six Day War. If the former two silences require an answer, the latter demands it. After the Six Day War, observes Rosenberg, Jews would no longer be silent. He says, "In their dialogue with Jews, the Holocaust issue becomes crucial for Christians: they can see how important it is for them to cut their pagan ties by returning to their Jewish sources." This is among the proper Christian responses to the Holocaust.

Recognition Of State Of Israel By Church Is Crucial

As Rosenberg moves toward the conclusion of his work, he reflects on a pressing contemporary theme, perhaps the most pressing contemporary theme, in Jewish-Christian dialogue: the recognition of the State of Israel. One aspect of recognition is an understanding of the unique and unparalleled role played by Israel in contemporary Jewish life; another is recognition of the political state as an independant Jewish state among the states of the world. Rosemary Ruether, a leading Christian theologian, has observed that Christians had denied since the start even the possibility of return by the Jewish people to their ancestral homeland and a consequent end to the Jewish Diaspora. We appreciate that a good deal of theologizing about the Jews depends on this premise. The return of the Jewish people to Israel has stood this theology on its head.

Rosenberg explores the varying responses to the reality of Israel in all its dimensions among the Protestant, Catholic and Protestant Fundamentalist denominations and emerges with what is perhaps a more positive prospect for potentially full appreciation of the special place of Israel than most current Jewish observers would present. There is encouragement in such a positive presentation for Jews and Christians alike; at the same time, it is perhaps somewhat misleading. The Catholic Church is in many ways far more advanced than its sister churches in accepting the role in contemporary Judaism of a Jewish state, yet centuries of dogma and the complexities of Middle Eastern politics color papal pronouncements and prevent their transmission from the Holy See to the parish priest and the individual in the pews. For all the references to the "Land of Israel" as the ancestral Jewish homeland once again inhabited by those to whom God granted it, we continue to pursue the elusive full recognition of the Israeli state which has a great deal to do with an acceptance of Judaism, finally, on its own terms.

The Fruits Of Dialogue

The Christian Problem ends with Rabbi Rosenberg's recipe for a final liberation of Christian faith from the bonds of its most perplexing dilemma. He tells us of the late Pope Pius XI, who declared: "Spiritually we are all Semites." Rosenberg suggests an interpretation: "Before I can be fully Christian, I must learn what it means to be a Jew." He calls for "a newer (internal) Christian mission . . . (which) would lead Christians back to their Jewish source." There must be a recognition of the integrity of each faith on its own terms. After all the superficial delineations of similarities between two great faiths and with due recognition of our common agenda in contemporary society, what remains as the true and essential meeting place of the traditions is the ancient Jewish faith itself.

In a stimulating volume with a daring title, the new agenda for an ongoing dialogue between Jews and Christians has been fully declared. The work itself is testimony to the fruits of the dialogue which has gone on from the end of the Second World War until to-day.

A Review Essay by Jacob Chinitz

This book does several things well, such as providing corrective knowledge about Jewish notions of the Messiah, the difference between the original Jesus and what Paul made of him, the unique contributions of post-Biblical Judaism, the asset of the Jewish Bible in western civilization — notions vital to truth itself and also for the proper appreciation of the Jewish position. However, it has one major flaw which seems to characterize much of the current Jewish contribution to interreligious dialogue. I refer to the tendency among Jewish writers in this field towards idealizing the figure of Jesus, the attempt to isolate that figure from its setting in traditional Christianity, and, what seems to be the underlying motive, trying to capitalize on the stipulated Jewishness of Jesus.

Stuart Rosenberg shows much courage in facing some Christian challenges quite directly, even impudently. But that courage is diminished in two ways. First, the reader gets the feeling that after the brave criticism of Christianity, the fall-back position suggests itself: after all, we do respect your central image, myth and name. Second, there is left the suspicion that Jews want it both ways: to be able to reject Jesus with impunity, and, at the same time, to claim credit for him.

Courage of Chutzpa?

One form of Rosenberg's courage will very likely be taken as *chutzpa* by his Christian readers. The Epilogue is entitled: If I Were a Christian. I recall being annoyed many times by the reverse situation when Christians have advised me how to conceive of my Judaism. The author tells us that his Epilogue came about as a result of a social meeting between himself and several Christian thinkers and clergymen in his own home. As one reader, I confess I was surprised that the anger of his listeners on that occasion was not directed to his presumption in defining their religion for them, but rather at their own teachers who failed to apprise their students of the Jewish elements in Christianity. I am prepared to take the author's word as to the reactions of his guests, but I am not certain that all Christian readers of his book will react in the same way. After all, I do not permit missionaries to tell me how to understand my *Tanach* and the prophets of Israel. Will they understand their Bible and their Jesus?

I recall a wonderful, liberal, scholarly Baptist minister who attented Dropsie College with me in Philadelphia. He knew Hebrew, he visited Israel regularly, he attended Yom Kuppur services and fasted all day, he sent his son to my Hebrew School to learn Hebrew in preparation for his own entrance in to the ministry. A more tolerant, even loving, friend of Jews and Judaism no one could ask for. And yet, in addressing my Sisterhood as guest speaker, he could not refrain from relating that a Jew came to him in the darkness of night and confessed to him that Jesus was the fulfillment of his Jewish faith. He went on to tell the ladies that for many Jews, the New Testament provides answers to Old Testament questions. In other words, to use Rosenberg's terminology: If I were a Jew . . . !

Rosenberg's first chapter is called: Jesus was Not a Christian. I wonder if I would be flattered if I were told that Abraham was not a Jew. Come to think of it, one theory in Halachah has it that the Patriarchs were not Jews but B'nai Noach, Sons of Noah. Indeed, if one assumes that Judaism begins with Torah, then even the Jews who left Egypt were not Jewish until they were converted at Sinai seven weeks after the Exodus. Christians might, with equally skillful dialectic, argue that Jesus was not a Christian because Christianity begins with the Resurrection, and therefore Jesus, before he was resurrected, indeed was not a Christian.

More Than Theological Casuistry Involved

Of course, Rosenberg is interested in more than theological casuistry. While he is aware of the gulf between Jesus as a human Jew and Jesus as God, for both Jews and Christians, he wishes to make dialogue possible by asking Christians to view Jesus "also as a Jew," even though they could not view him "only as a Jew." The ecumenical benefit he expects to derive from this, in his own words, is: "By learning to understand the Jewish Jesus before he became a Christian Jesus there is a chance that my Christian neighbors and colleagues may also understand me as a Jew."

I wonder. Rosenberg himself, in this very same chapter, provides the reasons for my wonderment. For example, he expects that "such awareness is acutely necessary to help my neighbors understand why Jews wish to remain faithful to Judaism to the end of their days, *even as Jesus had done*." Isn't the author begging an enormous question here? Why does the Christian have to assume, or admit, that Jesus was not only born a Jew, lived as a Jew, but even did so to the end of his days? To admit this the Christian would have to ignore all that the New Testament says about the birth, the life, and the death of Jesus. All other Jews were born of Jewish fathers; Jesus was born of God. All other Jews obeyed the Pharisees; Jesus argued with the Pharisees. All other Jews died without offering themselves as vicarious atonement: Jesus told his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood.

Why should Christians listen to Rosenberg rather than to Aquinas? "The Old Law was given to the Jewish people so that they might acquire a special character of holiness, out of reverence for Christ Who was to be born from this people. Certain rules that are enacted for the special sanctification of certain men are binding on them only . . . Likewise, this Jewish people was subjected to special obligations which did not apply to other peoples." Rosenberg's appeal will fall on deaf ears, in view of the fact that Christians are asked, by their own teachers, to consider the Jews merely as an instrument to bring Jesus into the world, just as Mary is the instrument-mother which enables God to be the Father of Jesus. Mary herself would have been rejected if she had rejected Jesus. Mary accepted Jesus; the Jews rejected Jesus. If you think it is fanciful to imagine Christians rejecting Mary, with all her undoubted Jewishness, read what Erasmus says on the subject: "Even our Blessed Lady would have been the great beneficiary of what Christ did unless *she had conceived Him in the Spirit.*"

A Jewish And Not A Christian Problem

Rosenberg's *chutzpa* in telling Christians what to believe about their own Christ, in so far as his Jewish identity is concerned, is matched by his self-deceiving complacency in declaring all this to be a Christian problem, rather than a Jewish one. If by problem he means theological commonsense, as a Jew, or even as a secular student of religion, I agree that the Jewish position makes much more sense, and is therefore less of a problem than the Christian position. But if by the word problem we mean a sociological, existential, political dilemma — even a physical danger — then I submit the problem is a Jewish one, not a Christian one. Judaism and Jews pose no danger to Christianity and Christians. Christianity, even in its liberal form, perhaps today more so in its liberal form, and Christians, even when they are not antisemites, do pose dangers to Judaism and Jews.

Rosenberg's assumption that if Christians regarded the Jewish life of Jesus, rather than his Christian death, it would help them to understand Judaism and tolerate Jews, may be an illusion on his part. (For example, the so-called Quest for the Historical Jesus as conducted by Renan and Schweitzer, is not mentioned in his Index or in his Bibliography). Apparently, if those who engaged in this quest were less antisemitic than the others, it was not due to their consideration of the Jewish Jesus in terms of fact, minus the ideological overlay. It seems to be quite possible for Christians to consider, and even study, the Jewish life of Jesus, and not come to the hoped-for conclusions that Rosenberg expects.

Here are some selections from "The Journal Intime" of Henri-Frederic Amiel of a century ago.

> I am astounded at the incredible amount of Judaism and formalism which still exists nineteen centuries after the Redeemer's proclamation, "it is the letter which killeth . . . " . . . The person of Christ is the center of it . . . It is the church which is heretical.

Or,

> What is specific in Christianity is Jesus — the religious consciousness of Jesus. The sacred sense of his absolute union with God through perfect love and self-surrender, this profound, invicible, and tranquil faith of his, has become a religion; the faith of Jesus has become the faith of millions and millions of men . . . Such as been the brilliancy and the radiance both of revealer and revelation, that the astonished world has forgotten its justice in its admiration, and has referred to one single benefactor the whole of those benefits which are its heritage from the past.

Amiel is concerned with the monopoly of all virtue by Jesus, and the fact that his emphasis upon spirit against letter was subverted by the Church. But the Jewishness of Jesus would be a contradiction in terms to him. Obviously, people like that think Jesus was a Christian.

Rosenberg points out that for the first three centuries, the birth of Jesus was not even celebrated by the Church, that two of the four gospels do not mention the birth, that from Paul we know only of the crucified Jesus, not the living one. What does he expect? Once you accept the crucifixion and its special meaning, even the birth has to be conceived in non-human terms. Impose the Jewish birth, boyhood, religious observance and prayer in the synagogue of Jesus upon those who believe in his deity, and you have accomplished nothing — except the creation and perpetuation of the love-hate, embrace-curse relationship between Christianity and its mother.

Dangers In Concept Of A Jewish Jesus

It is for this reason that today more Jews come to Christianity through the Jews for Jesus movement than through traditional missionaries or the established churches. It is precisely when the Jewish aspect of Jesus is stressed that it makes it easier for the Jews to accept him. He does not have to drop his yarmulke, tallis or tefillin. He can be a Zionist, a Jew, ethnically, religiously, and cap it all with the acceptance of Jesus as Messiah. These Jewish children of today who accept Jesus may set Christians thinking differently about Jews more than the Jewish childhood of Jesus himself. Whether Jews for Jesus will be more successful in diminishing anti-semitism than the more traditional *meshumadim* throughout the ages were, remains to be seen. Let us recall that the blessing for, or against, the *minim* in the *Amidah* prayer, was probably directed against the Jewish Christians more than the Gentile Christians.

Long ago it occurred to me that how strange it is that while the Jewish God is not a Jew, because a Jew is human and God is not human, the Christian God is a Jew. That seems to be one of Stuart Rosenberg's messages in this fine book. Whether the fact that the Christian God is a Jew, and the Christian recognition of this fact, will be good for the Jews, remains to be seen. So far, this fact has not been good for the Jews.

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Shamir's No.1 Challenge

by Mordechai Nisan

IN 1987 Israel will complete twenty years of control over the controversial areas of Judea and Samaria (and Gaza), a situation that originated in a ghastly war that terminated in a brilliant victory. But the victory has not yet brought national fulfillment, emotional calm, or spiritual harmony to the Jewish people. Nor did Israel military supremacy bring the Arabs to end their bitter campaign against their determined foe.

During the passage of twenty years since 1967, the maladroit slogan of "territories for peace" has failed to prove the political sagacity of Israel's left and center political elements. Neither a compromising withdrawal program, nor previous Premier Peres' diplomatic antics from Morocco to Egypt (including offerings to Jordan and feelers to the PLO) have succeeded to bring more Arabs to peace-making. The massive evidence of this policy's ineptness can only be explained, at best, by way of party *rigormortis*.

Throughout this period Labor has tried painfully to fend off the compelling reality that the Judea-Samaria game can only be played in a court bound by Likud party rules. Not since the state's founding in 1948 did the hegemonic Labor movement ever abandon the ideological highground welded tightly to its policy orientation. Never did its opponents, or even its allies, have the capacity or audacity to bring about a major national consensus. Labor tenacity in attempting to alter the political realities in the Mideast generally, and in Judea-Samaria specifically, have failed, so that, partially by default and partially by developments, Likud has now defined a major Israeli national decision. The persistent efforts by Foreign Minister Peres to organize an international peace conference on the Middle East demonstrate Labor's desperation to unlock the present status quo. From any other perspective, the convening of a global lynch party makes no sense at all.

Retention Of Westbank Indefinitely Appears Likely

There is no denying the fact that retention of the controversial areas indefinitely, which appears as a likely scenario for the future, is a Likud victory and a Labor defeat. Over one-hundred Jewish settlements containing some 60,000 people is a demographic-cum-political reality that points to Likud's program of permanent Israeli control being socially grounded in a new physical map. Shimon Peres and Abba Eban may fantasize different scenarios, but the hard reality of the Middle East is unaccommodating to their fantasies.

The substantive historical effect of these developments on the landscape of modern Zionism ought to be clarified. The Labor-left camp arose some three generations ago, stirred by romantic notions that resulted in significant achievements: aliya (immigration), pioneering settlement, Hebrew labor, socialist construction and others. As a result they educated, galvanized, and mobilized Jewish youth for national work. The state was born in 1948, but the ideological wellsprings of action lost their vitality very soon thereafter. The proof is in the immediate post-1967 period when the military victory, culminating in opening up the heart of the homeland for further Zionist advance, remained a matter of elementary survival alone. No spiritual experience flowed from this modern Jewish mini-miracle — that the people of Israel had come through the Arab hellfire alive, shortly after its earlier decimation in the Nazi hellfire.

Inspiring New Vision Emerging

Israel, after 1967 generally and 1973 particularly, slowly evolved an inspiring new Jewish vision. This vision incorporated a return to religious faith and observance, linked with a desire to resettle and repossess all of the land now under Israeli rule. In recent years a vicious secularist *kulturkampf* has arisen to denigrate Judaic ideas. Its campaign of opposition to anything authentically Jewish — in education and culture primarily — suggests its lack of a positive message. Today one is confronted with the decay of secular Israeli society, unable to provide an integrated vision for the country's future. Late marriages and small families; materialist ethos and cultural nihilism; personal *anomie* and emigration; economic stultification and political aging — these are the sorry themes in large segments of Israeli society, on many levels and without a sign of improvement. In contrast, dedicated patriotic pioneers, large religious families, solid education in Jewish identity and consciousness, provide a different and inspiring direction in the country. Without ideological passion, lacking historical vision, and burdened with a political non-starter in territorial policy-terms, the Labor-left camp is appearing increasingly archaic and positively irrelevant. Its plea for a pre-'67 political-geographic restoration is a regressive flight from Middle Eastern reality, and from Jewish rights to the national patrimony.

The responsibility for articulating an integrated Jewish and Zionist vision of Israel devolves upon the shoulders of premier Yitzhak Shamir and the Likud party. They pressed for territorial retention and won. Now they must find the answer to the quandary of the large Arab population within this larger

Israel. And the answer, while conceptually difficult, requires the courage found in statesmen, when they realize, as Winston Churchill wrote, that the middle course adopted from a desire for short-term safety can lead to "the bull's-eye of disaster."

Two Images Of Israel's Identity

Two images present themselves of Israel's collective identity and purpose. One is of a bi-national, pluralistic society, speaking both Hebrew and Arabic, cultivating three religious communities of Jews, Muslims and Christians, all striving for harmonious co-existence within the confines of a fifty-mile wide country. This image, resembling an American notion, is now being promoted diligently by Labor-left institutions and personalities (the Ministry of Education and Culture, for example). It can fill the ideological void on the left, and is popularly organized today under the magic slogan of "Democracy." When all is said and done, this act of fetishistic worship threatens to dissolve the corporate body of Jewish peoplehood and in its place fabricate a nondescript Israeli entity. Its end will be bitter, as the strident forces of the Islamic Mideast get wind of their historical opponent's voluntary act of national suicide.

The issue of Arab human rights is moving to the top of Israel's national agenda. Within Israel and beyond, there is in formation a coalition of forces determined to push the Zionist ethos off the ideological center stage in modern Jewish history. In its place the new battle cry is — full equality for the Arabs of Eretz-Israel. It has a moralistic intonation, a democratic resonance, and it distorts the musical rhythm of Judaism itself.

The Arabs of Judea/Samaria enjoy remarkable rights as an "occupied" population in a state-of-war situation: freedom of speech in their own PLO-affiliated press, freedom of education in their own PLO-identified schools and universities, freedom of movement, travel, and work opportunities, freedom of access to Israel's highest judicial review body — the Supreme Court — and freedom of use of Israel's best medical services, and this as non-citizens of the state. All of this and more is granted to a hostile, anti-Jewish population, but reckoned as naught by the international human rights enthusiasts. Most of the latter are engaged in undermining Israel's national interests, piously parading their illusions of a democratic madness.

The other image of Israel is a Jewish-based national political state, whereby ethnicity is the legitimizing principle of power. In such a country, all minority groups would experience the near-inevitable and near-universal lack of communal fulfillment bound up with their marginal existence. Their collective identity would not make any impact on the national texture of life. In this formidable and well-integrated Jewish state, Arab (and Arabic-language) education would cease being a state-supported cultural privilege; it would be, what it ought to be in a Jewish country, that is, a private and voluntary minority group concern. Likewise, the Ministry of Religions would, at the most, curtail its activities to the majority religion alone. It is likely, too, that the Israel Police Band would find other occupations than entertaining Christian pilgrims in Bethlehem.

Shamir's Challenge

The rapid and harmful blurring of Israel's Jewish raison d'être, that is now proceding apace, must be arrested. Suffering the Arabs to remain as a minority within Israel may be a tolerable situation, if they realize that they will not be allowed to alter the country's character and purpose. Even as such, it will remain difficult to fulfill the Jewish yearning for security and calm. But the start for a basic resolution of the present impasse is to proclaim clearly that Israel is for the Jewish people, as indeed the United Nations decided in 1947 and as the state's proclamation document explicated in 1948.

The present Likud-led Israeli government will fail in its national task, and will undoubtedly pay for this a high political price, if it remains indifferent to the core question on the country's agenda. In some way premier Shamir has to tell the Israelis that Israel will be Jewish, and tell the Americans that it cannot be America. Peres' failure from 1984-86 to overturn Likud's policy now provides Shamir with the opportunity and obligation to protect Israel from a greater danger from within, than Labor policy would have exposed the country to from without.

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LETTERS

Sir,

Professor Julien Bauer deals with the question of "Religion and State in Israel" (VIEWPOINTS — Vol. XV, Number Two, 1987) by examining two of the solutions proposed to deal with "the reported growing rift between its various religious and secular elements," to wit, separation of Church and State, and religious pluralism. Both alternatives are dismissed because "they forget to take into account the specificity of Israeli society." He concludes that "the choice is between an unpleasant status quo and a permanent chaos," and opts for the former.

I should like to outline and attempt to rebut the professor's arguments, as I believe that his analysis is unsound.

• *Proposed solutions deny the specificity of Israeli society*

All sides in *any* debate about Israel *unfailingly* take into account the distinctive nature of its society. With reference to the present topic, critics assert that only in Israel does a clergy representing a mere eleven per cent of the electorate exert such a powerful influence on government.

• *Separation of Church and State is an American phenomenon, not a Western reality*

It is true that Canada does not have a separation of Church and State. But laws enforcing "Christian customs" can be struck down as unconstitutional. In any event, the Anglican Church enters into politics only to lobby governments and persuade citizens. Its power can be judged by the resolution of the separate school funding issue in Ontario, or its place vis-à-vis the Catholic Church in Québec. Therefore, it is ludicrous for Professor Bauer to compare the technical association of Church and State in Canada (and Britain) to the situation in Israel. If the Queen (whether as head of Church or State) ever meddled in temporal affairs to the extent that the ultra-Orthodox Chief Rabbis intervene in Israel, we soon would see the end of the monarchy. As for the United States, the most conservative President in recent history is vainly attempting to breach the wall between Church and State in an effort to appease fundamentalist Christians. If he ever succeeds, one can surmise that there would be an outcry from all segments of the Jewish community.

• *Israel is not purely a Western State, but is in the Middle East, where separation of Church and State is unknown*

It is indeed not surprising that the minority Christian and Moslem communities wanted their churches to be recognized and integrated into the new State of Israel; they desired (as the professor mentions) at least a modicum of equality with the Jews. But had Israel introduced the concept of separation of Church and State from the beginning, would Christians and Moslems have objected to living with Jews on an equal basis? If the answer is in the negative, why would they now take exception to a separation of Church and State, accompanied by the appropriate guarantees of religious freedom? Even their clergy might see the advantages of power being taken away from the Orthodox Rabbinate!

• *Total separation of Church and State will result in discrimination against non-Jews*

Professor Bauer states that if Church and Sate were separated for all, minorities would "scream discrimination." But he fails to point out that under the present system, the *majority* of Israelis, Jews and non-Jews alike, complain of unfair treatment.

• *Separation of Synagogue and State (applying to Jews only) should be unpalatable for most Jews, Christians and Moslems*

It is hard to see why 89 per cent of voters would object to gaining greater control over their lives. As for the contention that this scheme would generate accusations of racism (I assume from Christians and Moslems), the professor had just finished explaining that "for non-Jews, integration of Church and State is a guarantee of freedom." He cannot have it both ways!

• *Religious pluralism means chaos*

The problem with this assertion is the fact that Professor Bauer first implies he is examining religious pluralism as an alternative to the present system in Israel. But he then posits that Church and State would remain unified, thus obligating every government department to accomodate each religious stream.

However, as things now stand, all branches of the State bend only to the wishes of the Orthodox. In a democratic society, it is unacceptable for a facade of harmony to be sustained through the imposition of uniformity.

It should be clear that religious pluralism is a practicable arrangement only when Church and State are separated; or when they are nominally connected. The Professor, perhaps inadvertently, admits this in his statement that "in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, France, etc., — religion is a private matter (and) everybody — can interpret his faith as he wishes."

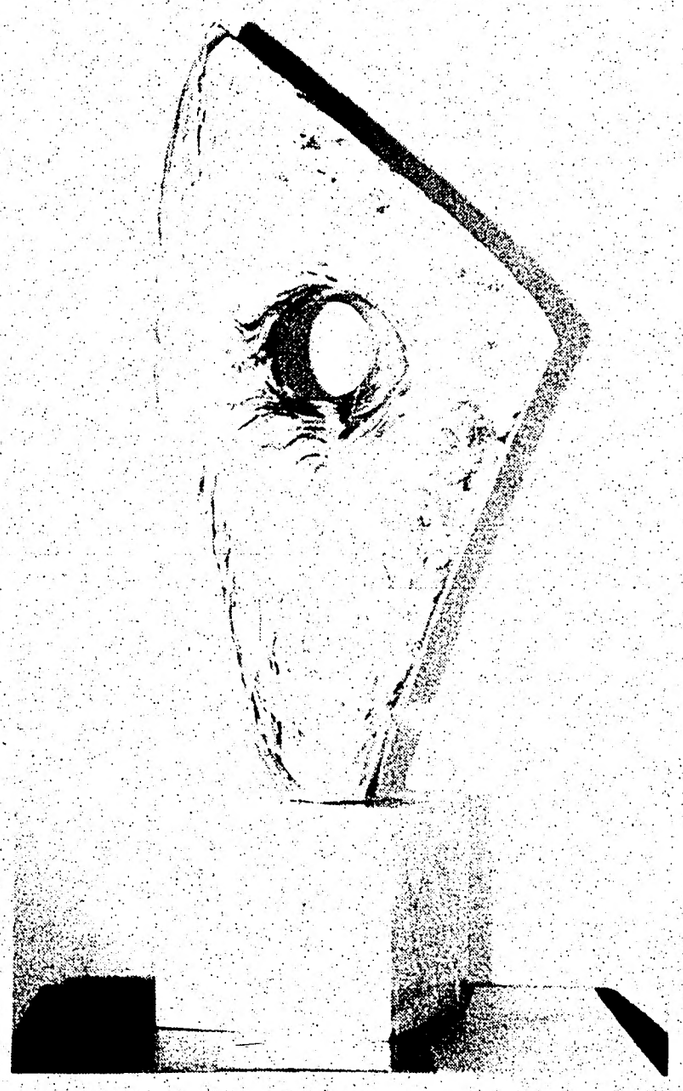
To conclude, I respecfully submit that the choice is not between an unpleasant status quo and a permanent chaos. At best, the present system is both unpleasant and chaotic.

Professor Bauer appears to base his reasoning on the erroneous assumption that the majority of Israelis are untroubled by the "reported growing rift between — religious and secular elements," and that the fly in the ointment is "ill-advised pressure from some segments of the Diaspora." With this outlook as a starting point, it is easy to minimize Israel's dilemma. However, if the status quo was merely disagreable, distasteful and confused, and was making life difficult only for the minority, it would not be a constant subject of media attention and articles by learned academics, trying to find a way out of strife that more than once has erupted into incidents resultings in bloodshed, and even death.

The solution offered by Professor Bauer, namely of leaving things "as is," but bringing to Israel "the old Jewish tradition of accomodation" is no solution at all — it is a naïve yearning for a change in human nature. Unfortunately, accommodation is impossible because Israel is under the excessive sway of a small group of people who are unwilling to compromise because they *know* that they are right, and everyone else is wrong.

In my opinion, the answer lies not in making half-hearted efforts to reconcile the irreconcilable. Religion and politics don't mix, and must be sundered! Separation should be accompanied by electoral reform that limits the clout of small minorities of any political or religious stripe. Until Israeli leaders exercise the statesmanship required to undertake such actions, the turmoil will continue.

Yours sincerely,
Murray Shtal, Toronto



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RESPONSE FROM JULIEN BAUER

Mr. Shtal's letter is most interesting. It encompasses a remarkable number of stereotypes and presents easy "solutions" to the problem of State and Church in Israel. According to Mr. Shtal, "all sides in any debate about Israel unfailingly take into account the distinctive nature of its society". From this affirmation, Mr. Shtal proceeds to demonstrate an abysmal ignorance of Israel's society.

The whole argument stands on a North-American centrism, heaping ridicule on everybody and everything that do not conform with North-American dogmas, on Middle-Eastern philosophies and politics, Orthodoxy Jewry, Israeli Arabs, etc. They are all inferior and should see the light Mr. Shtal is showing them. My position is that they are not inferior but different and therefore have the legitimate right to follow their own way of life.

Mr. Shtal pretends that, *de facto*, we live in a society where State and Church are separated. This will be news for all non-Christian who are obliged, by law, to close business on Christmas. (By the way, in Israel Christians and Moslems have the right to do business on Yom Kippur). Recent decisions by tribunals in Ontario have sustained the right of the State to impose Sunday as a day of rest for non-Christians. In Quebec, which as far as I know is part of Canada, the public school system is Christian (Catholic and Protestant), bishops have a veto power on the Education Superior Council (the ultimate decision-making body for school programs). Even more, integration of State and Church, regarding education in parts of Canada, is enshrined in the Canadian Constitution.

All this does not prevent Mr. Shtal to see a *de facto* separation of State and Church in Canada. Jean-Paul Sartre was right. The ultimate alienation is to be so brainwashed by the majority culture that minorities are no more aware of the problems they face in that culture. Mr. Shtal refuses to acknowledge the fact that we live in Christian countries, where Christian customs are imposed by the State on all citizens.

As far as Israel is concerned, Mr. Shtal's letter lists pseuso-facts ranging from utterly erroneous to plain absurd.

Utterly erroneous is the claim, repeated *"ad nauseam"*, that Orthodox Jews constitute eleven per cent of Israeli population. This percentage is the vote received by officially religious parties for the last Knesseth election. Does Mr. Shtal truly believe that you can define an Orthodox Jew by the way he votes? Labour M.K. Rabbi Menachem Hacohen, a bona fide rabbi whose boys have all attended and still attend yeshivot, obviously does not vote for religious parties; therefore, according to Mr. Shtal, rabbi Hacohen is not Orthodox.

The facts have nothing to do with Mr. Shtal's fantasy. Various studies and surveys show an Orthodox population roughly a quarter of the Jewish population. In the school system, religious schools have a third of the total enrollment. One of the consequences is that more that half of the religious Jews in Israel do not vote for religious parties. For that reason, most parties, including Labour and Likud, have specific structures and programs geared to Orthodox political militants and voters, Histadruth has a Religious Department . . . But why care about facts when it is so easy to make do with slogans!

Plainly absurd is the contention that Christians and Moslems, "who desired at least a modicum of equality with Jews" (why does Mr. Shtal points an accusing finger on Jews, I wonder), would be happy with the separation of State and Church. He quotes me: "for non-Jews integration of Church and State is a guarantee of freedom" but does not understand the situation.

Christians and Moslems do not want equality, they want to be recognized as separate groups within Israel. Their goal is not a variation of the "American of Jewish faith" but to be Moslem or Christian Arabs living in Israel. The only system they historically know and can rely on is a policy of no-separation between State and Church.

It is not by chance that I quoted the Church of the

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Holy Sepulchre and the Moslem Waqf. Following Mr. Shtal's policy of complete separation, one assumes that some public organism (Department of Tourism, Museums . . .) would be in charge of the holy places. The four Christian denominations with rights on the Holy Sepulchre want to deal with the State in order to have these rights confirmed. To believe that "appropriate guarantees of religious freedom" would satisfy them simply demonstrates a complete misunderstanding of the situation.

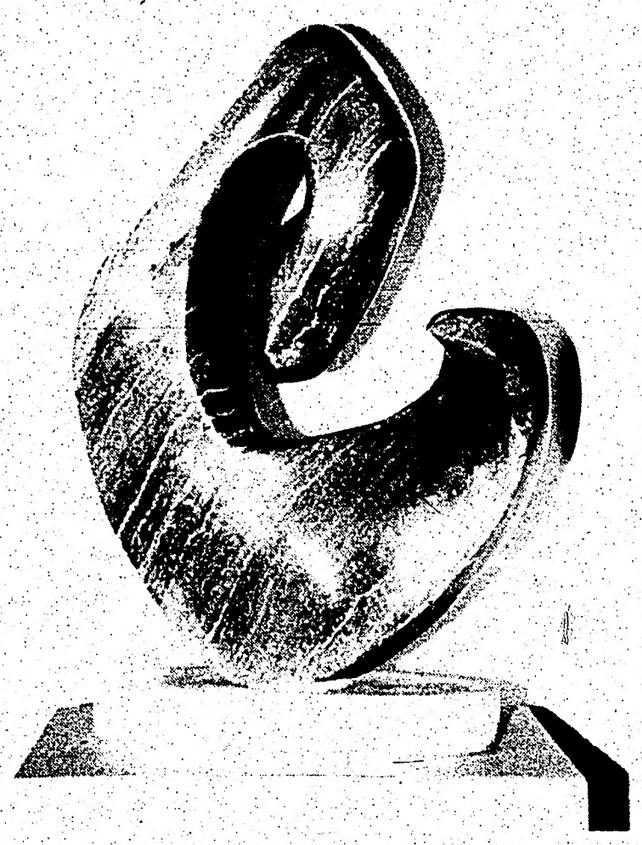
The Moslem Waqf has the control on the Temple Mount. These rights were recognized by the League of Nations and are recognized to day by the United Nations. Every time Jews want to pray on the Temple Mount, there is a riot, orchestrated by the Waqf. And Mr. Shtal wants to make us believe that Moslems would "take no exception to a separation of Church and State"!

As if this was not enough, Mr. Shtal goes on to tell us that non-Jews would like to see "power taken away from the Orthodox rabbinate". If Mr. Shtal hates the rabbinate (his perfect right), it is ridiculous to enlist Christians and Moslems for his holy war against rabbis. On the contrary, because minorities want their churches to be part of the State, they have a vested interest in having Synagogue part of the State. Furthermore, when at the Knesseth elections of 1977, the National-Religious Party got twelve mandates, a large part of one mandate was thanks to . . . the Moslem vote. So much for minorities following Mr. Shtal's ideas . . .

Should I remind Mr. Shtal that separation of State and Church would also mean for Jews no more Kashrut in public bodies such as hospitals or the army. Let the patients starve as long as the dogma of separatism is sustained!

In his conclusion, Mr. Shtal offers an end to all our predicaments. After the separation of State and Church, let us change the electoral system. This point alone could be the topic of a whole article. Let us say that, again, reality is a little bit more complex. The goal, clearly, is to get rid of religious parties. The results would be to weaken the moderate religious parties whose constituency lives all over Israel and to strengthen the extremist ones whose constituency live in delimited areas. I fail to see the advantages. But if it is not enough, we should limit "the clout of small minorities of any political or religious stripe". I am sure Marxist parties, the Civil Rights Movement and such would love to learn that they should have less power in Knesseth. Once again, Mr. Shtal uses a formula, the consequences of which he does not understand. I happen to believe it is more democratic and less dangerous to have minorities, including unpleasant ones, in the Knesseth even if it complicates the machinery of government, than to give them no other option but to take their grievances into the streets.

To summarize, Mr. Shtal's letter is a near perfect example of a Western liberal philosophy, a-historical, without tradition, ephemeral, believing in instant solutions as opposed to civilizations and cultures deeply rooted in the past and respecting the complexity of real life. In 1841, Poznansky stated "Washington is our Jerusalem". Today most Jews refer to Jerusalem but a few still have difficulty with the centrality of Jerusalem and would like to limit Jerusalem to being a pale copy of Washington.



"AWAKENING" BY GILDA GLAZER
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Sir,

It was marvellous to read Yakov M. Rabkin's coolly objective article "The Return of Soviet Jews" in your Viewpoints section recently. This one article bears the distilled essence of the phenomenon of Soviet Jewish emigrants returning to their natural habitat, bad as it was. Professor Rabkin is to be congratulated.

And so are you for publishing the article. I may say, when I reported essentially the same thing from Israel in 1972 as the then-Moscow correspondent of the Montreal Star, a CJC deputation to editor Frank Walker demanded that he cease and desist from publishing my series. I was denounced personally for telling merely what I saw and heard with my own eyes and ears from the new Soviet *olim* in Israel about their disillusionment.

One of the things I noted at the time was that Soviet Jews were more Soviet than Jewish. This was not the first time I had noted the close identification of my fellow Jews with the tongue and culture of the lands they inhabit. As a child in Australia, surrounded by German Jewish refugee friends, I remember how German they were, how unlike us British. They argued at football, drove bikes with fat tires, were smarter and better educated than we were, complained that *in Deutschland war es viel besser* and never gave in in a fight. "A German never gives in," my friend actually spat when a local tough was practically tearing his leg off.

Why should Russian Jews be any less Russian? Indeed, I was often assured during my years in Moscow that "the Jews are the custodians of our Russian culture and language" against the rape of same by the Brezhenevite heathens. Like the great mass of Soviet citizens, "they love that lousy place" — to quote the late Godfrey Hearn of External Affairs.

I said it in 1972 and I say it again now: the tragedy is that the Jewish religion has virtually been snuffed out in the Soviet Union where the great mass of Soviet Jews would remain even if they opened the borders tomorrow. Reviving Judaism in Russia is where we should always have put our marbles, and where we should put them now — if it is not too late.

David Levy,
Toronto

RESPONSE FROM MARTY PENN

The status of the Soviet Jewish community is now part of an international debate, as we in the West are bombarded with signals emanating from the U.S.S.R. suggesting sweeping changes in this new era of "glasnost." Professor Rabkin is quite correct in his assessment that the Soviet régime is trying to change its image in Western eyes; however, the question remains: Is this going to be a positive development for Soviet Jewry? Soviet leaders seem to be sending a message that those Jews who have applied to leave will be allowed to go — with certain very notable exceptions — and while Jewish emigration has increased, even a large trickle of emigrants does not begin to solve the problem. I believe we are a long way from the idyllic situation of an aliyah office in downtown Moscow. The Soviet media have toned down their anti-Semitism and anti-Zionist campaign and have placed their attention on anti-emigration.

To suggest that the worldwide movement on behalf of Soviet Jews has misplaced its emphasis in supporting an emigration movement at the expense of internal Jewish cultural expression indicates a simplistic, if not naive, understanding of the contemporary history of Jews in the U.S.S.R. When Western Jewry was awakened to the plight of Soviet Jews twenty years ago, Jewish culture in the U.S.S.R. had already been virtually destroyed, and Soviet Jews were two or more generations removed from their heritage. The U.S.S.R. as an anti-religious state had been particularly ruthless in its destruction of the Jewish communal infrastructure.

It must be understood that the campaign for Soviet Jews was created primarily in response to the messages sent by the Soviet Jews themselves, and while the policy of the movement was to "demand" that the Soviet government allow Jewish expression, it was Soviet Jews who insisted upon the right to leave as their primary objective.

Even today, as there is a certain amount of Jewish revival, adherence to tradition is seen as a first step in the emigration process. Those who begin to identify as Jews collectively come to the conclusion that the only way to maintain an identity is to leave. Unfortunately, this leaves a vast pool of Jews in the U.S.S.R. still alienated from Jewish life, many on the verge of total assimilation, identified only by internal passport. Recently, leading Soviet Jewish refuseniks have cautioned Western leaders not to be caught by the statements made by Soviet officials. The proof of Soviet intentions will be measured by concrete changes, not by mere words.

Whether "glasnost" will offer Soviet Jews the opportunity for Jewish identity or for assimilation will determine the future of our movement.

Martin Penn
National Director
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Canadian Jewish Congress

Elul•
by Shulamis Yelin

Once again the autumn ceremony:
visiting the cold bed that never warms...

The yellowing poplars
clock the season's wake

The soundless circle of the mouth
Gooseflesh on neck and thigh
The shudder in the womb...

Memories, like faded corsages,
stain the sheets
between which they were pressed.

Elul• — *the autumn month [Hebrew Calendar] in which the Jewish High Holidays appear, during which time it is the custom to visit the graves of one's dead.*

Graduate Student
by Mona Elaine Adilman

When I was young,
I addressed death
rhetorically
in verse,
scepticism profiling
my saluations.

When I was middle-aged,
I looked curiously
at dead animals,
respected the bacchanalian
parade of insects
whitening their bones.

Now I am old,
I snicker at Mephisto jokes,
tongue-in-cheek,
knowing
where there's smoke,
there's fire.

Shulamis Yelin and Mona Elaine Adilman *are two well known poets living in Montreal.*